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How to Make
a Pickle

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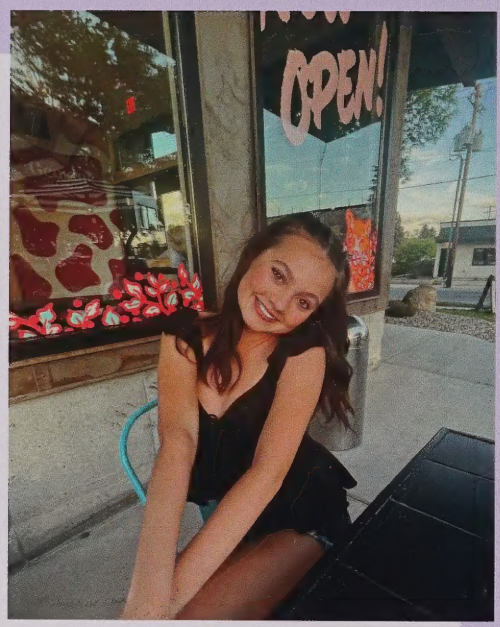
Editors' and Artist's Vision

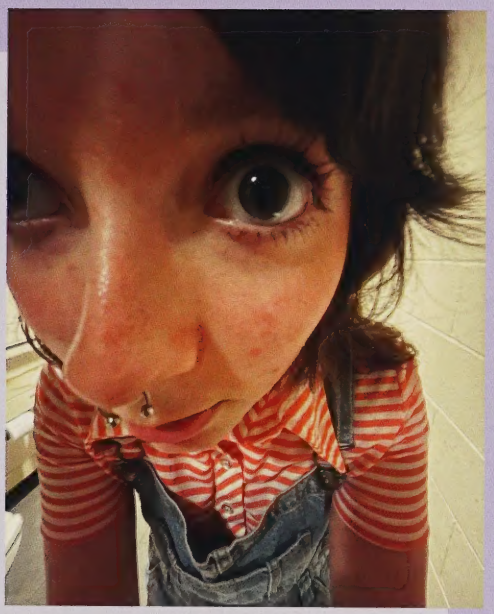


Reese Dailey

Nadia Chudzik

For the 2023-2024 yearbook, we chose the theme, “How to Make a Pickle”. We wanted to capture the behind-the-scenes of what happens here at UNCSA as it is such a unique experience. Each editor has their own memories from this special place, but we will all graduate as true pickles in May. Thousands of artists around the world have been called fighting pickles, a term that sounds funny but truly holds us together. We share the experiences of ballet classes every day, performance hours every week, sleepless nights preparing for VA exhibitions, or even clown school. We hoped to create something that speaks to all the artists in the high school program, whether you’re a fresh cucumber or have been soaking in vinegar for the full four years. The spreads, “Only at Art School” and “The Good, The Bad” dive into these themes that are so unique to the UNCSA experience. Cheers to an amazing school year and we hope you’re DILLighted by this year's yearbook!

Isabelle Parker



Lynn Zawistowski

After taking into consideration the prompt of 'how to make a pickle', I naturally thought of the fermentation process of how pickles are made. I knew I wanted to stay true to my style, and I thought transforming a pickle jar into an oceanic spectacle would work well. I really love color, especially bright saturated ones, so I kept the forms relatively simple so that the color could pop. I was nervous going into this, since it kind of felt like a big dill, but I'm glad I did it! I'm happy to leave UNCSA with this experience!

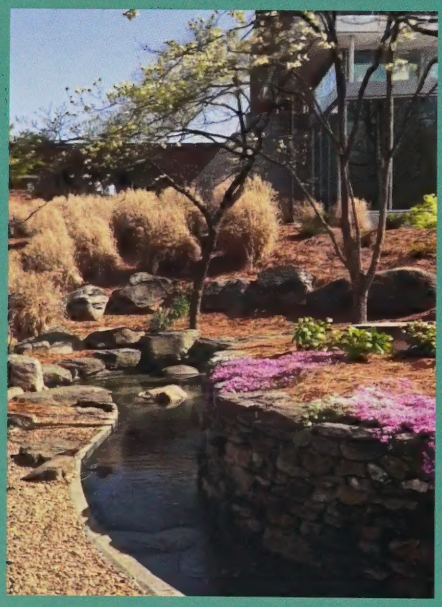
The Campus

The trees outside Hanes Commons begin their change to a gorgeous fall color soon after students arrive on campus for the start of the school year.

The many stairs that connect Gray Building (right) to Workplace (left) are an easy way to travel from the acedemic hall to your next art class!

Art is never hard to find on the UNCSA campus; it's even in the sky with some amazing sunsets!

Film Village is a picturesque location and the sight of many iconic first day of school and pre-dance pictures.



The picnic tables next to this mini stream and pond are the perfect place to eat dinner with friends or even study on a nice day.

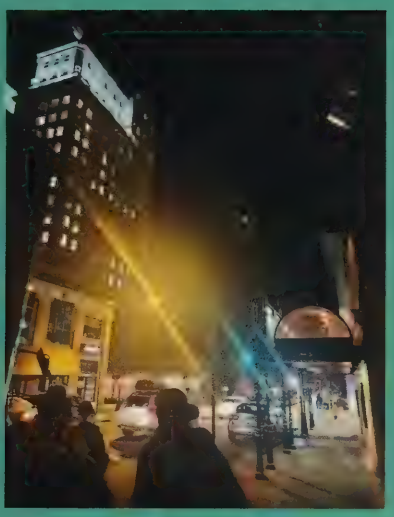
In Spring, the grass outside the library becomes a field of brilliant tulips!

Our campus is beautiful, even at night!

The Town

The trees at Reynolda Village are always a fun site to see in the fall.

Some buildings downtown like this one are also visible from the library.



The Stevens Center (right) after a wonderful performance by UNCSA students.

Another school in the area is Wake Forest University. It's always fun to go to a game and roll the quad after a big win!

The Reynolda House is always a popular spot for pictures before school dances!

Students out on a trip visiting Old Salem, one of Winston-Salem's main historic districts.

Reynolda village is a fun place to visit on off days, whether you just want to go on a nice walk or get something fun to eat!

The bridge at Old Salem has always been an iconic spot to enjoy and take photos.

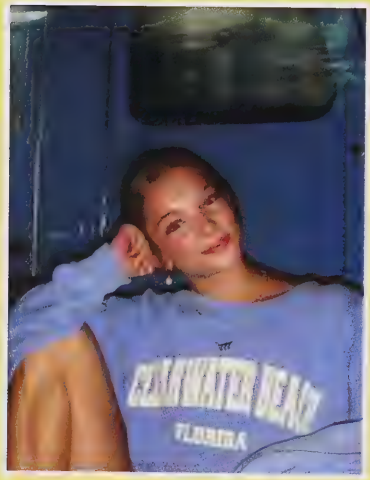
Pickles on Break

Our pickles did many fun things over their summer breaks. They attended summer intensives and traveled, as well as spent time with friends, family, and even other pickles. They returned excited and ready for the 2023-2024 school year!

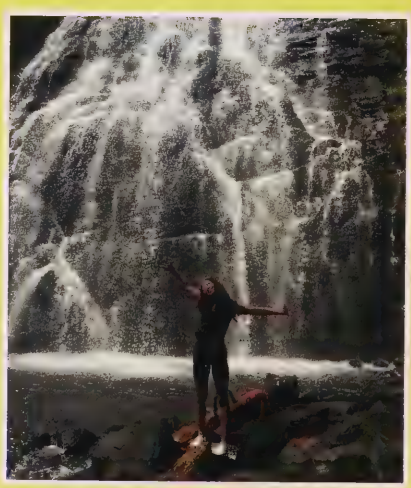
Mya Kerestes was so proud at her sister's high school graduation. Mya said, "I am so excited for her future!" They pose for a picture to commemorate the special day.

Spencer, Nadia, and Mallory spend their time outside of Alvin Ailey summer intensive classes exploring New York City.

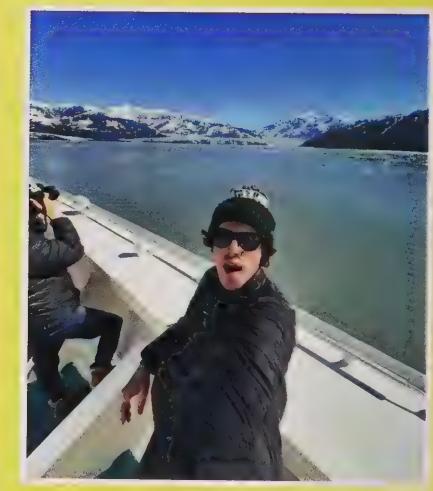
Fox Hamblen poses for a group photo with several boys at the Boston Ballet Summer Intensive.



Tessa takes a trip to Clearwater Beach, Florida for Dance Nationals. In her free time she poses for a solo shot!

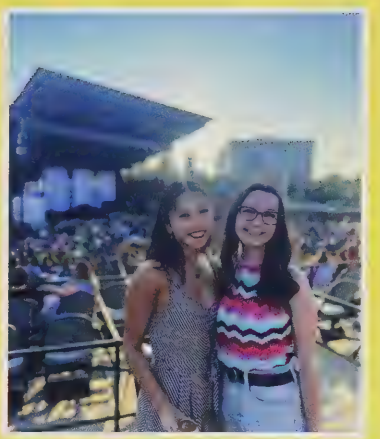


Ryan goes on a hike in South Carolina. She stops at an incredible waterfall and poses for the camera.



Thompson takes a .5 while on an Alaskan cruise with a jaw-dropping mountain view in the background.

SUMMER IN FLIGHT: Reese, Audrey, and Emma Kate take a flight over the stunning views of Bozeman, Montana.



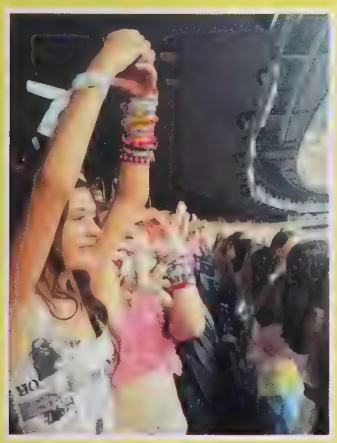
Mallory and Ella stand in front of the venue at their first concert together. "Seeing Noah Kahan perform was incredible!" said Mallory.

Brynn, Kyla, Spencer, Saya, and Madeleine after seeing the Boston Ballet perform Sleeping Beauty.

Olivia Vorhis spent her summer in San Francisco at the Lines Summer Intensive. She got the chance to see the Golden Gate Bridge and just HAD to capture the moment!

THE BIG APPLE: Allie travels to New York and takes a photo in the bustling streets of the city. The Barble movie is clearly all the rage!

Tove spends time at Atlantic Beach enjoying the salt water and sand.



Maggie Daley holds up a heart to Taylor Swift at the at the Eras Tour. She had the night of her life screaming Taylor's lyrics.

Joanna and Reese visit the Seven Magic Mountains in Las Vegas. "It was tourist central!" said Joanna. They took a cute picture and got out of there!

Tanisi stops to capture this incredible view in Egypt. Just look at that pyramid!

Orientation

Mallory, Mya, Malayna, and Joanna posing on the FDOS!

It's always a great day when our favorite mascot decides to visit students in the caf!

Junior friends enjoying first day festivities!

New students at their orientation.

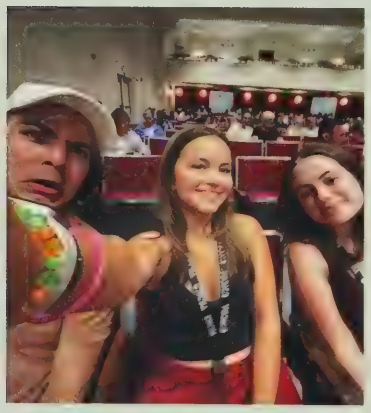
Pickles coming together to party and celebrate Carlie's birthday!

EK and Ava say, "New student move-in was definitely a wet one!"

Launch kids, PLs and SGA reps volunteered at the local food bank before the start of school!

New roommates Ella and Skylar getting ready for sophomore year!

SENIOR YEAR! Seniors taking in their last first day of high school.



New friends snap a selfie right before Convocation meeting!

Students stop their dancing to post for a pic at the first school dance of the year!

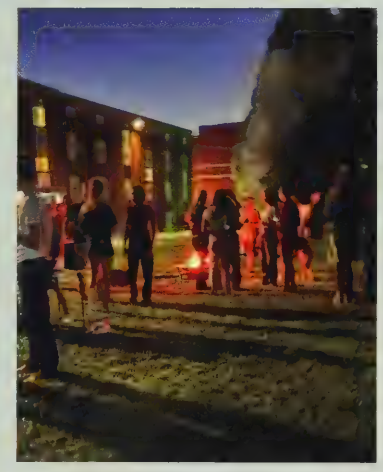
& Res Life

Students and staff enjoying fun first day of school activities! "I enjoyed catching up on all of my students' summer gossip!" Said Mrs. Yokeley.

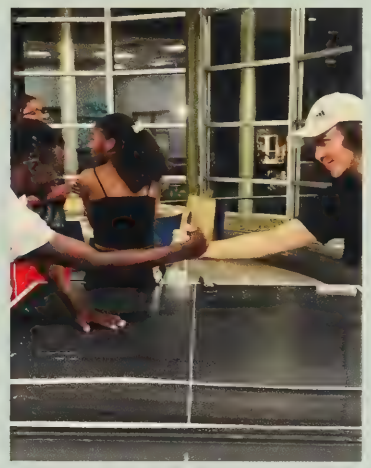
Freshman snap a quick picture before their first ever high school dance! They had a blast at the masquerade dance!

The 23-24 school year started out with a bang, with launch week, orientation, and a very rainy move-in day! The first few weeks were filled with tons of fun activities for students, including craft nights, the masquerade dance, and so much more! Throughout the year, students got to enjoy bonfires in the backyard, the Italian Ice truck visits, events on the Hill, The Who, and playing games while having fun in the Gallery!

Launch kids and student leaders preparing for a game of humans vs zombies before the start of school!



Special moments connecting with fellow pickles from the first bonfire of the year.



Eugene and Cohen shake hands after an intense game of ping pong.

First day of school can't go wrong when ice cream is involved!

ECSTATIC PICKLES! How we feel when the Italian ice truck comes.

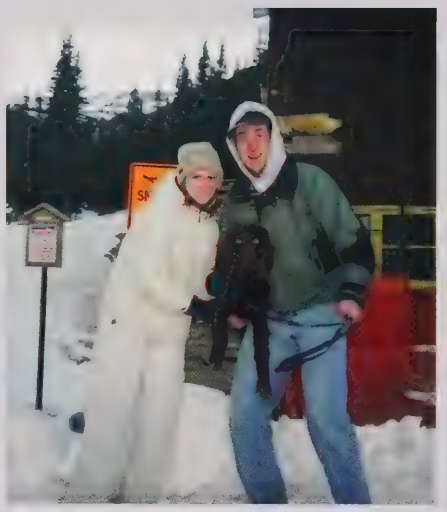
New students socializing during launch week.

Pickle Parents

Kyla's family takes their first professional family photo with their dog Sherman after Kyla was born.

Stella goes out to dinner with her parents and snaps a quick picture as they order off the menu.

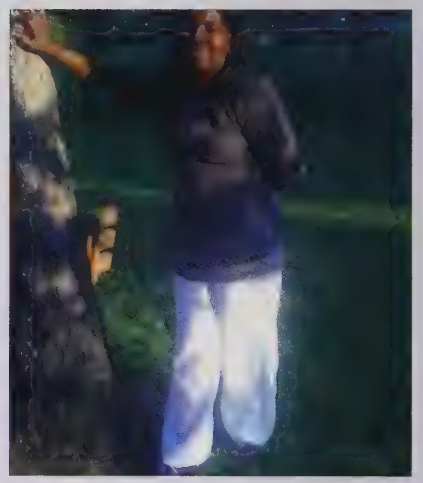
Wenyi's parents cuddle up for the camera.



WINTER WONDERLAND: Reese's parents are bundled up with with a pup.

ENGAGED!! Ava's parents pose for a headshot right after he got down on one knee!

Brynn's mom and dad get a cute couples photo in college.



Zion's mom leans against a tree to pose for a photo at the park.

SELFIE: Liv and Xavier's parents take a selfie together.

The parents of UNCSA! We all know we have our parents to thank for allowing us all to pursue our dreams at UNCSA. On this spread, we are highlighting all the parents of proud pickles.

SPOOKY SZN: Madi's parents get all dressed up for a college halloween party!

Carlie poses with her mom and dad during move-in and orientation week.

ANOTHER TRIP AROUND THE SUN: Tessa's parents embrace on their anniversary.

MR. and MRS.: A special moment is captured on Joanna's parents' wedding day.

Nadia's mom and dad snap a picture in front of the Christmas tree during the holiday season.

Little Gherkins

Reese Dailey smiling for the camera!

Annabelle Wang is always up for some cake!

Joanna Holden just chilling in her sunnies!

Tanisi Venkannagari in the Halloween spirit as a baby pumpkin!

Do you remember what your life was like before becoming full-grown pickles? As a little baby gherkin you were just beginning to grow your talents. You probably did this by discovering and falling in love with your art. As you found your specialty and practiced more and more, you slowly matured into a fully pickled pickle. You worked hard, but more importantly, you had fun while doing it! Look at these photos and keep this in mind throughout your time here at UNCSA, everyone had to start somewhere!

Stella Morris all dressed up as a princess with a wig and everything!

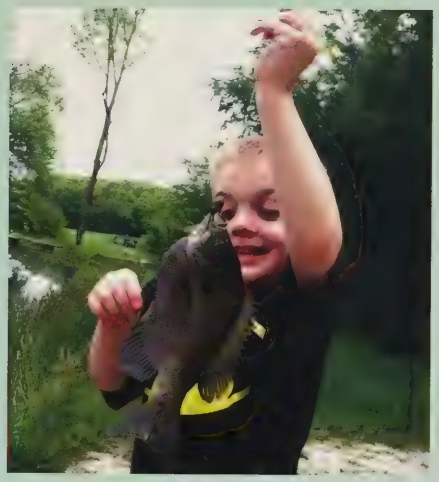
Audrey Cannon as a little redhead gherkin!

Ella Holcomb was ready to go trick-or-treating dressed up as Strawberry Shortcake!

Kaleb Bell has had that big personality from day one! Here he is as a young kid!

Isabelle Parker cheesing for the camera!

Adalyn Cawthon has always studious.



Willow McDowell proudly presenting his catch.

Zion Mack rocking a pink puffer jacket and giving a sassy look!

Majerle Loy at her first dance recital!

Madi Bianco graduating kindergarten. She is graduating high school this year!

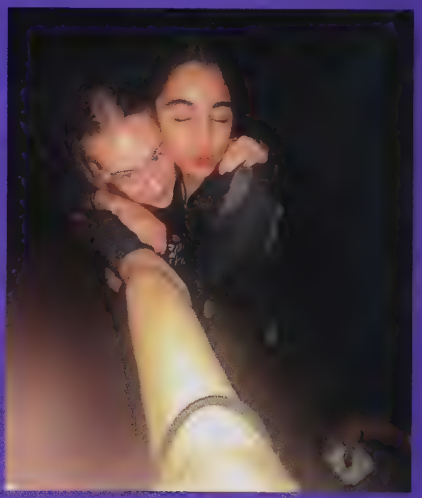
Tessa Ledbetter taking a snooze.

Pickles 0.5!

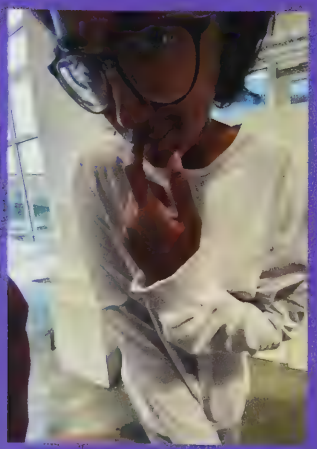
Seniors Ava, Reese, Emma Kate, Audrey, and Madi celebrate the first day of fall with fun pumpkin coffee!

Cohen and Satiya get ready to practice some wellness through yoga with the rest of the drama students!

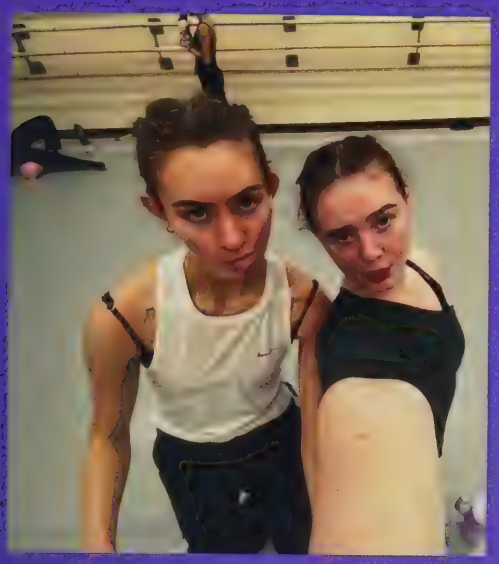
Nyla, Tessa, and Ryan take a cool .5 on their way up the elevator.



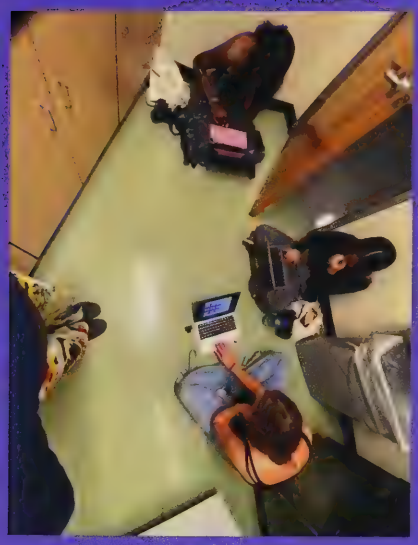
Juniors Vivi and Liv give big hugs as they celebrate Fall Break!



Tanisi and Jay twinning in this pensive 0.5!



Molly and Gianna snap a .5 pic before a gruelling Brenda class.



Lily, Tanisi, and Marianna are featured studying hard in a candid .5 pic!

The 0.5 trend has taken the world by storm! Everyone is taking these super fun photos at an upward angle to capture long foreheads and tiny bodies. They have captured hilarious memories through these distorted selfies all over campus!

Late night 0.5 with Molly, Mckenna. and Molly J.

The Sanford two peer leaders take the time to catch a cute 0.5 as they prepare their hall for move-in.

"Rain rain go away, but the new pickles are here to stay." Finch stands in the rain to greet new students.

PICKLE PETS

Brynn's dog Peppa posing for the camera after a long walk!

Allie's dog Lacie bathing in the sunlight waiting for a walk.

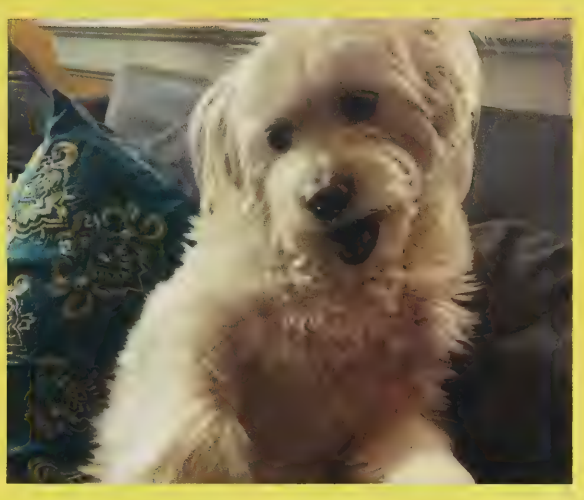
Pierson's bunny Mia chilling in her cage.

Saya's dogs Chicken and Nuggets cuddling while wearing their UNC Jerseys.

Adalyn's Bearded Dragon Earl looking at the camera while laying in the sand.

These inseparable cats caught holding hands.

Liv's chicken (Soup) and goat (Chip) having fun playing in the field!



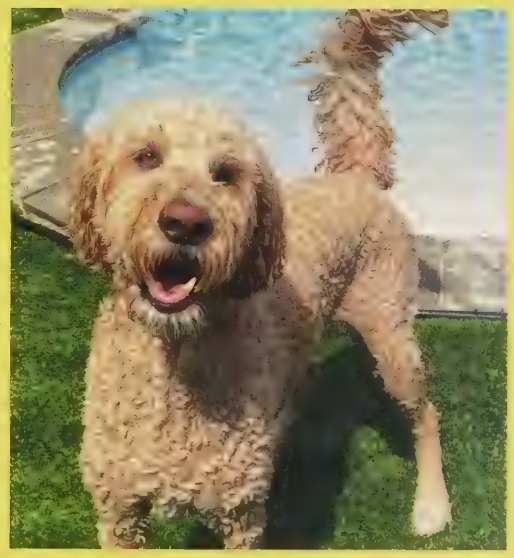
Myla's dog Ruby smiling while laying on the sofa.

Bridget's service dog Delilah chilling in the car before a full day of school!

Tove's dog Rosie smiling at the dog park.

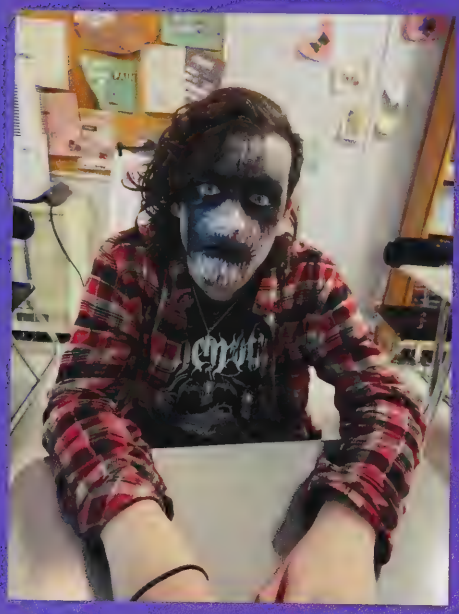
Nadia's dog Enzo taking a much needed nap after a long grueling day of barking and smelling the grass.

Valadie's dog Jovi enjoying a beautiful day and a nice swim in the pool!

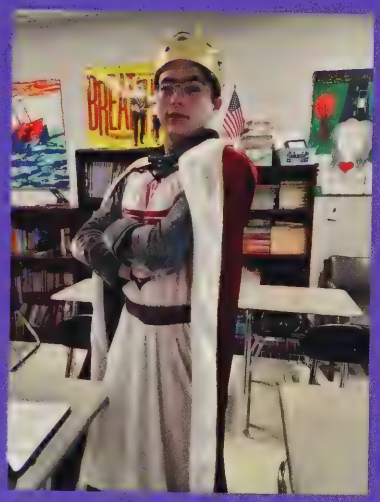


Fall Break & Halloween

The M1B fraternity celebrates Halloween at the annual Halloween dance. They killed their performance and really went all out!



Dylan shows off his scary mask in Mr. Bo's classroom. Spooky!



Sawyer dressed up as King Arthur without the round table for Halloween. How creative! UNCSA students love to dress up!

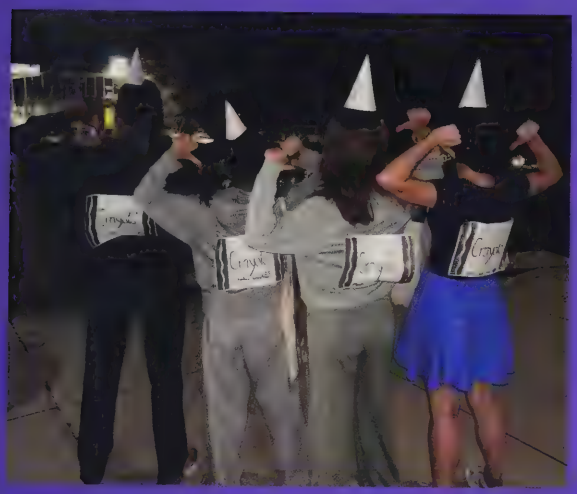
Valadie, Reese, and Joanna spent their fall break dancing in NYC! They did everything from college auditions to learning Verdon Fosse choreography.

WOMEN IN BLACK: All dressed up, Jenny and Eliza pose for a photo in the cafeteria. They throw up a peace sign and show off their costumes.

Fall break is the first break of the year! The leaves turn colors and students get to go home for the first time. Following the break Halloween begins. Dance levels begin choreographing their dances and students around campus are all dressed up! This is such a fun time of year!

"Everyday above ground is a great day." - Mr. Worldwide (aka Tanisi). She really embodied the character and had a blast on Halloween!

The B5 ballet class dresses up as a beehive! They choreographed a dance to Beyoncé and even got their teachers to participate!



Nifa, Karis, Elsa, and Hailey show off their Crayola costumes! Group costumes are the best!

Ava, Madi, Emma-Kate, and Audrey, took a trip to Spooky Woods. Terrified, they snap a picture on this chilly fall night!

Andrew, Xavier, Ava, Alyssa, Scout, Madeleine, and Kyla celebrate making it out of Spooky Woods! The pickles made it out alive!

Adalyn on a hike with her family over fall break. They take advantage of the cooling fall weather and enjoy the beauty of nature.

Pickle Homecoming

Mallory, Margaux, and Ella laughing together.

Hoco with your besties is the best according to these seniors!

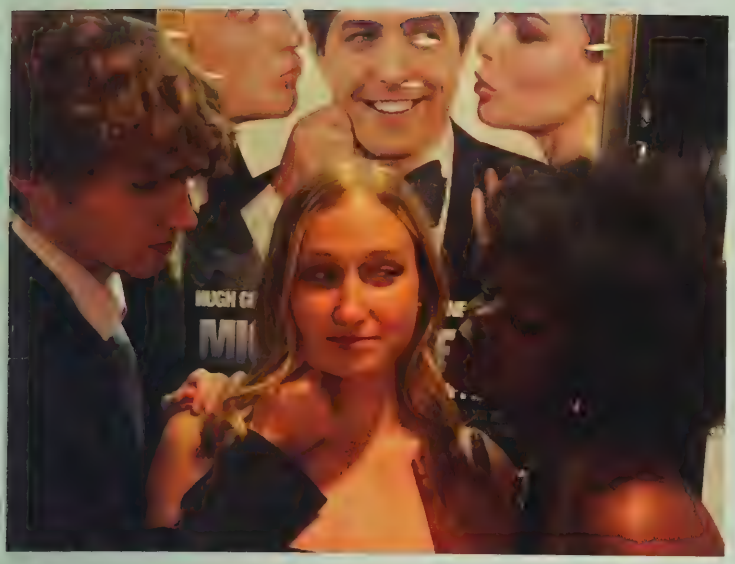
A group of junior and senior dancers at Reynolda.

Tanisi makes another appearance as Mr, Worldwide! She danced the night away as the ICONIC Pitbull at hoco!

These boys having a blast!

It's safe to say Emma Kate, Nadia, Reese and Audrey had the most fun at HOCO!

Sabren and Willow give the dance two thumbs up!



Getting Creative! Carlie, Elliot, and Laylah recreate the Mickey Blue Eyes poster.

Harry dominating the dance floor all night long!

The most joyful smiles at HOCO this year!

Juniors pose in front of the snack table.

Some sophomores pose in their gorgeous dresses.

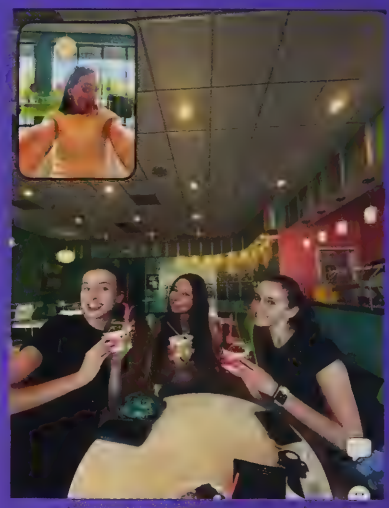
Nifa and Eugene know how to bust a move.

Contemporary dancers snapping a pic!

Time to BeReal

In 2022, a new social media app rose to prominence. BeReal sends a notification at a random time each day, and everyone has two minutes to upload a picture of what they are doing in that moment. Life is never boring at UNCSA, so there is no shortage of entertaining and funny moments for BeReal pictures to capture! Whether we're in a class or eating lunch, it's always exciting to hear the buzz of the BeReal notification.

Fox and Xavier super excited for nutcracker tech rehearsals!



Reese, Ava, Audrey, and Emma Kate take a BeReal picture on one of their many senior year Sweet Frog trips.

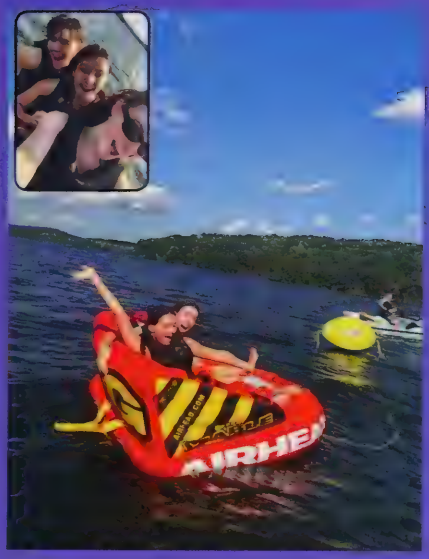
Target trip BeReals are essential!

Some Freshmen getting to know each other at the beginning of the school year.

Fauxco was a hit this year! Filled with lots of dancing, laughter and fun!

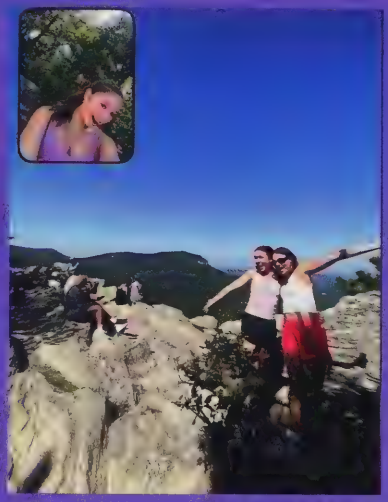
Eugene and Ainsley take a quick BeReal in an academic class. Hopefully they still got their work done!

Some of our wonderful yearbook editors working on some spreads.

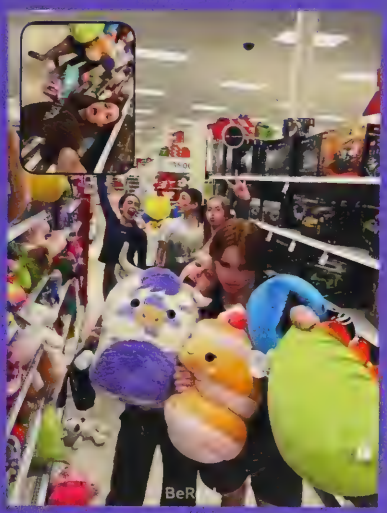


What better way to spend time off from school than at the lake!

PARTY TIME! Ballet students waiting in the wings ready to go on for everyones favorite show of the year, Campus Night!

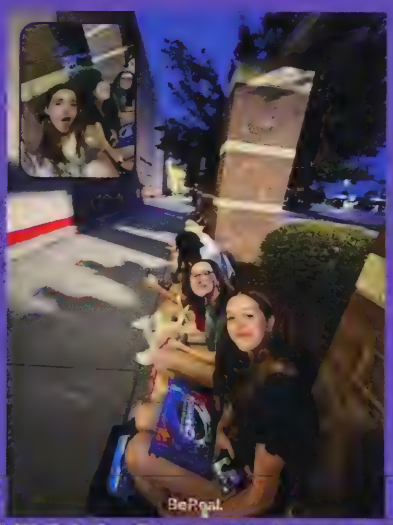


This view deserves its own BeReal.



Who doesn't need more squishmallows to make your dorm feel at home?

No better way to do homework than with friends outside!



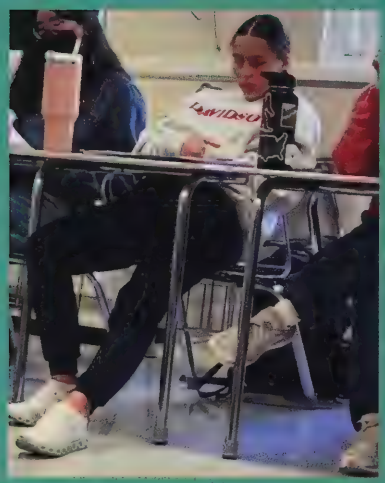
K-VEGAS...Students love a good off campus trip, always a fun way to hang out with friends!

Brynn Copeland and Kyla Guay being REAL in the studio.

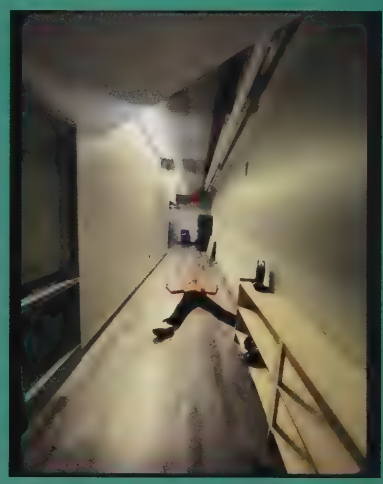
Snoozing Pickles

As you all know, our pickles work extremely hard every day. That being said they can become very, very tired. Here are some captured moments of our pickles taking a well deserved rest!

Daya and Mason taking a rest in AP Lit.



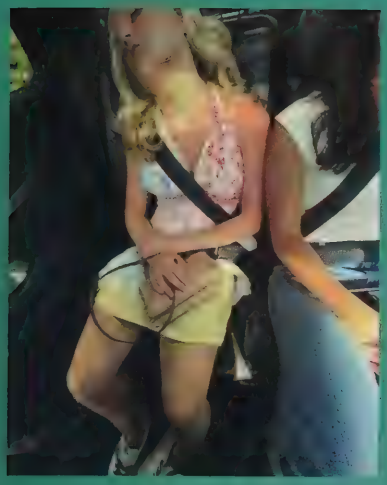
Mya Kerestes taking a power nap after ballet, and during a long lecture in AP Lang.



Olivia Vorhis taking a snooze after a long rehearsal

Ryan Pecorella taking a long nap after a UNCSA hiking trip to Stone Mountain.

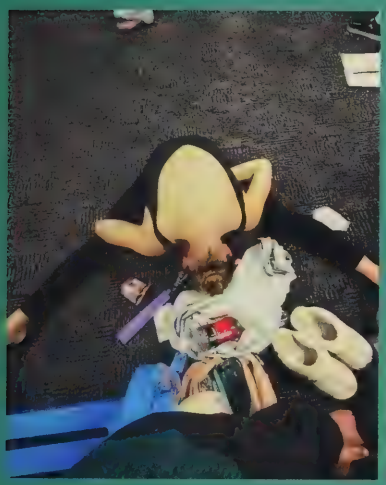
Tanisi Venkannagari taking a nap before yearbook!



Madeleine Smith taking a power nap on the way to a pickle birthday.

Zion Mack taking a quick little nap before dress rehearsal for Emerging.

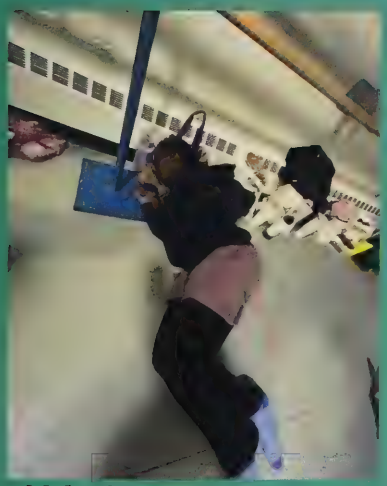
Madi Bianco will plop down anywhere for a quick rest, even next to a trash can!



Tessa Ledbetter taking a power nap during a rehearsal break.

Gabsia Tohnya taking a nap before starting his pre calculus work!

Mallory Stratton slumped early in the morning.



Nifa Omondi taking a snooze before plies.

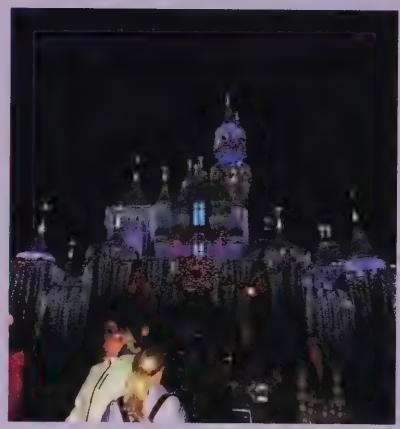
Joey is so tired that even the academic hall feels like a cozy place to sleep!

Winter Break

Valadie performing in the musical "The Producers" while at home.

Kyla and her family seeing some birds on their cruise.

Joanna and a sting ray in the Cayman Islands.



Madeleine Smith snaps this adorable pic at Disney over break. Nothing like being in the happiest place on earth at Christmas.

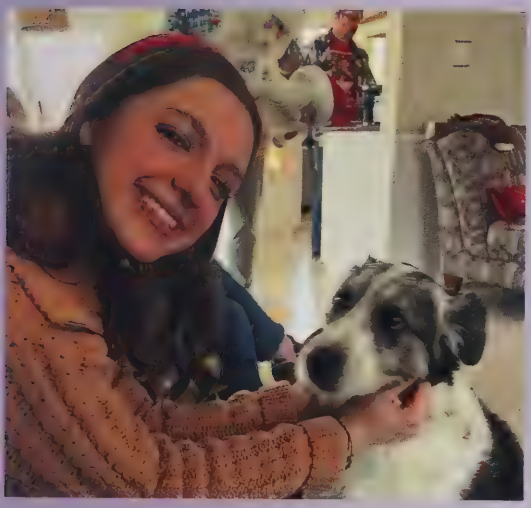
Mika reunites with some family over winter break.

Brynn and her sisters enjoying time on their cruise to the Bahamas.

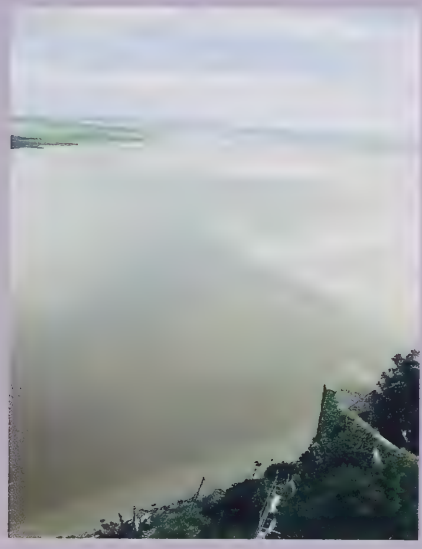
Mallory rocking her freshly dyed hair.

Thompson reunites with Ava Grace and takes a picture in matching cozy Christmas pajamas.

Spencer and his brother hanging out in Cabo San Lucas.



Lila and her dog cuddling on Christmas day.



Beautiful sights from Normandy! Bea had the best time this winter break visiting Normandy with her family.

Allie hung out with some old friends!

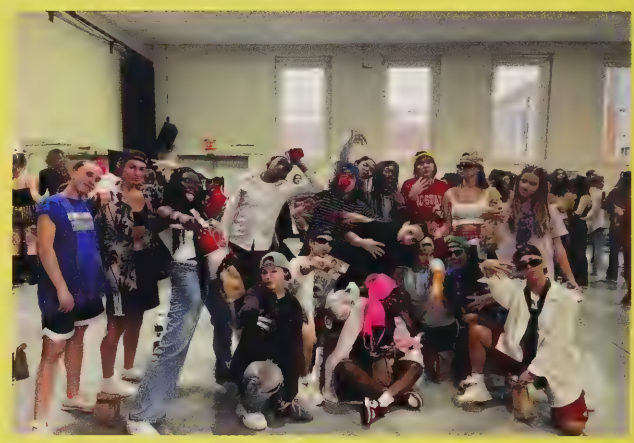
Pickles reunite. Roomies Olivia and Mya go out for a fun brunch over the break.

THE GOOD

We love Fall Dance at UNCSA! The M1Bs perform "Super Conductor" in their vibrant costumes.

Students love Ms. Willey's class pets! Emma Kate hugs Gilbert during AP Environmental Science class.

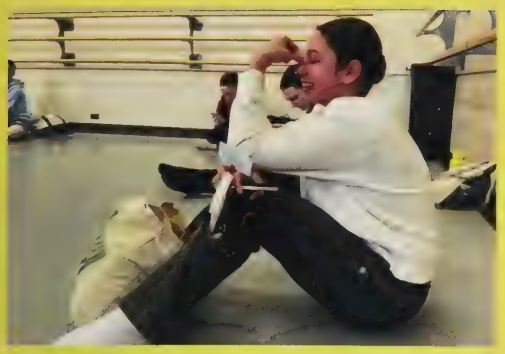
Views from the high school connector are iconic. We look forward to the sunset every night!



A highlight of the fall semester for dancers is the annual Halloween dance showing. M1B dressed up as Frat Boys and had the best time together!

The senior drama program thrives with their close bond with one another. They love taking advantage of the performances on campus and supporting their friends.

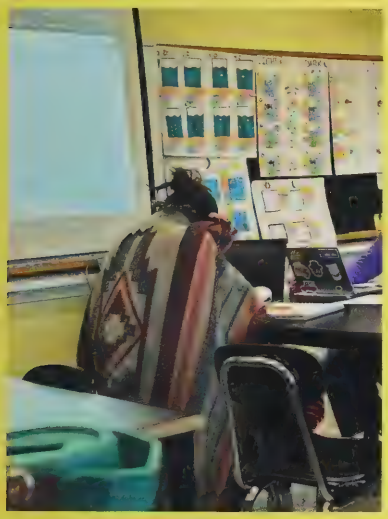
After long days and nights rehearsing for an upcoming performance, music students love the thrill of an audience and showing off their incredible talents!



Pre-composition class stress is real: Ava prepares to perform her own choreography, something all dancers get anxious about.

Time is of the essence! Audrey doesn't have time to eat a full meal before Nutcracker reherasal, so orange slices and coffee it is!

Running out of our favorite drinks at the POD is a nightmare! We thrive on Vitamin Water and caffeine to get through the day.



Classrooms are either too hot or too cold, never just right. Madi is wrapped up in a blanket working on an APES project.

Another chilly afternoon in Ms. Willey's AP Environmental Science class for Nadia! She bundles up in her winter puffer.

Noelle is clearly in love with her Holiday Suite costume. I mean who doesn't love a skeleton bodysuit that doesn't fit quite right?

Life at UNCSA high school is not always sunshine and rainbows, but the challenges students face throughout their time here help shape them into their best selves as graduation nears. Late nights and daily caffeine are the norm, and very little time to eat and sleep is true for every art discipline. Time management and self care are essential! Despite the challenges, the relationships built at UNCSA are like none other, and are sure to last a lifetime. Performances after hard work and dedication make the process worth it, and even little things like sunsets and class pets make each day better than the last. High school at UNCSA is special and really does change your life!

THE BAD

Clubs & Organizations

Although our pickles deal with demanding schedules and long days, they still manage to find time to pursue their other hobbies and interests. Student-led clubs and organizations range from the chess club to the Black Student Union. These clubs are a great way for students to make friends and connect with other people. Our clubs and organizations also host frequent events for the student body. These events provide a welcome break from the campus food, as well as some fun moments of connection between students. Here are a few of our pickle clubs and organizations!

CHESS CLUB: Lee, Remy, Enrique, Micah, and Nick face each other in a competitive match of chess. They are hard at work planning their next move!

Students admire the Yearbook and Newspaper board in the academic hallway. Every month the newest edition of the Dill is posted!

Our student government reps meeting before the start of school discussing their plan of action for the upcoming school year!

BLACK AND WHITE: The book club loves to spread out around campus and dive into the world of books. They love the elephant statues!

FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY! Isabelle, Sara Nell, Hailey, and Astrid pose for the camera! Every Friday night students get together to grow in their faith.

Clubs and organizations at UNCSA love every opportunity to have a catered meal! Some of our favorites are Taco Mama, Yamas, and Mellow Mushroom Pizza!

Asian Student Union hosted a dumpling making night for their first meeting of the year. The dumplings were delicious!

Nicole, Sami, and Timire, get together to take a picture at a BSU event!

The book club poses with their new book they are reading together!

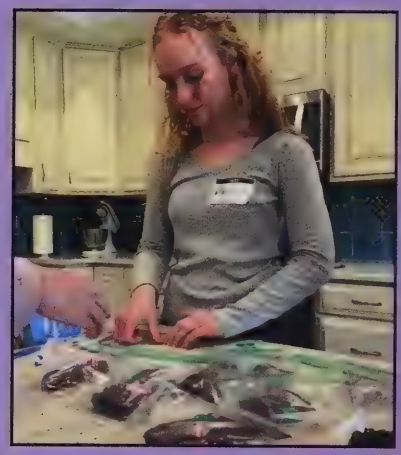
BSU and ASU partnered together to host a Friendsgiving in November! Students bonded with one another and ate lots of yummy food!

Students love to party! This BSU event was a highlight of the school year!

Student Government

The Student Government T-shirt made by Chlo! The shirt features the SG motto "We take action!"

The student government team!



Charlotte at the Ronald McDonald House on a volunteer trip sponsored by SG.

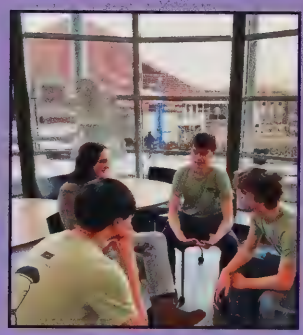
Dance Representatives

Mya, Nadia, Ella, and Maggie

Drama Representative

Bowie

Music Representatives



Andrew, Isabelle, Ivan, and Willow

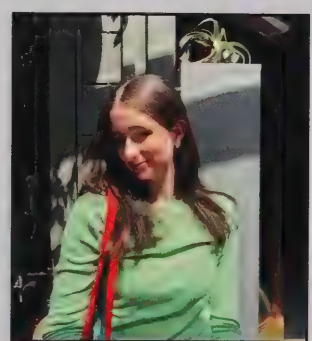
Visual Arts Representatives

Charlotte and Tanisi

Executive Team

Student Body President
Chlo Webster

Vice President
Joanna Holden



Secretary
Olivia Vorhis

Public Relations
Jay Voyles

Yearbook

The yearbook committee has been working hard throughout the year. They have been collecting photos and curating this years yearbook! Mr. Bo has been head of the yearbook club going on 16 years and each year he continues to inspire the yearbook committee!

Chlo gave an inspiring speech at Convocation.

Isabelle and Chlo made an affinity board for LGBTQ+ history month and cyber awareness month!

Willow celebrates the completion of the December affinity month board for International Day of People with Disabilities!

Native American Heritage month board created by Mya.

The Jar
(Pickle Dorms and Roommates)

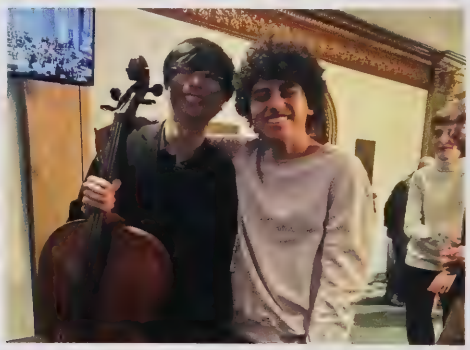
Mya and Oliva on their last first day together as pickles. Such a bittersweet moment!

Adventure Time! Adalyn and Addison, our daring pickles enjoy their scenic journey to Hanging Rock.

Roommates of three years, Allie and Nifa at spring dance.

Tove decorates her dorm for her senior year!

Juniors Liv and Vivi on a hiking trip.



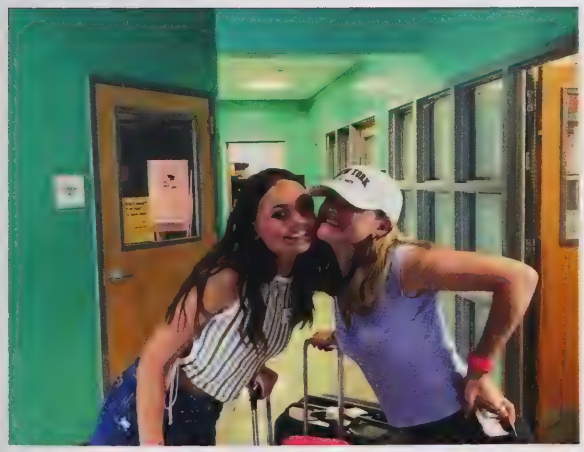
Andrew and Xavier smile after a performance.

Wait ..... is that UNCSA? Thompson Jones and Ryan Holland enjoy the view.

Two down two to go! Brynn and Madeleine return for two more years in the jar.

The dorm experience can be sour at times, but there is so much joy in being bundled up with other pickles in our jar. The dorms is home to beautiful views, expressive decorative opportunities, and supportive people. Some roommates have been together since the beginning and some are new. Either way, these pickle pairings are bread and butter!

Fauxcoming with roommates Mika and Kyla.

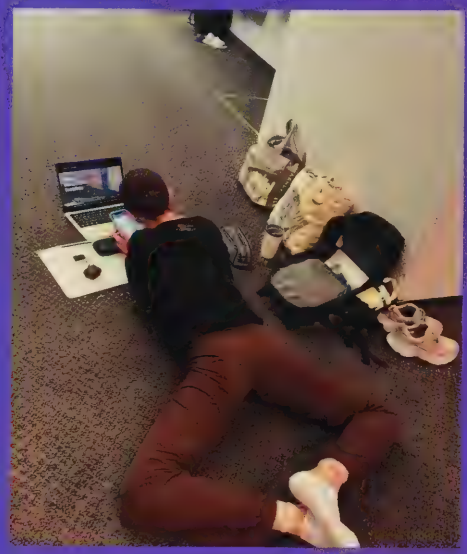


Roommates Reese and Nadia moving in for their senior year!

Roommates Luke and Eugene pose for a picture.

Only At Art School!

Ballet dancers Karis, Elsa, and Hailey take a power nap in the Tanger Center before the late night Nutcracker show!



A pic of Audrey captured outside the dance studio! She's multi-tasking by stretching and finishing her homework!

Only at art school will you find Pitbull (Tanisi) in the connector! Karis and Finch take a pic with their idol!

Here are some moments that could only be witnessed at UNCSA! Creativity is everywhere and you never know what you may find. You may find a dancer practicing her handstands in academics, visual arts and music students walking around in costume, or Pitbull around the corner. There's never a dull day in the Pickle Palace!

Brynn sticks a perfect handstand in the middle of AP lang! Only at art school will you catch a dancer upside down in the middle of class!

A cute 0.5 of Nadia and Valadie's pre-class warm up routine!

Some contemporary majors in Emily's class! Dance class or nap time?

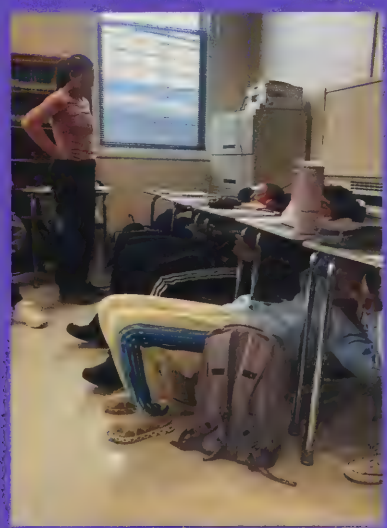
Tanisi, Andrew, Brynn, and Daya play some dress up in the pickle jar to kick off the holidays!

Allie Cataldi swinging in the pilates room!

Drama students experimenting in class!

Students are always doing flips around campus!

Only at art school do you see led silhouettes!



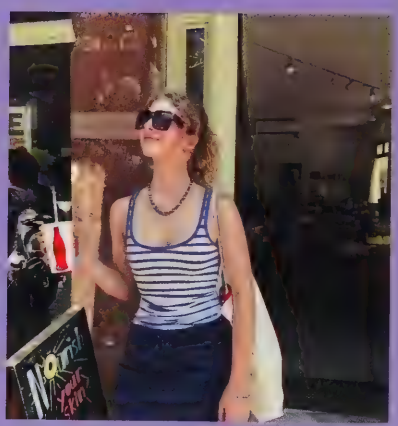
Dr Rodgers AP Lang class squeezes into their seats to start their learning!

Pickle Fits

Valadie and Joanna matching as opposites in dance class!

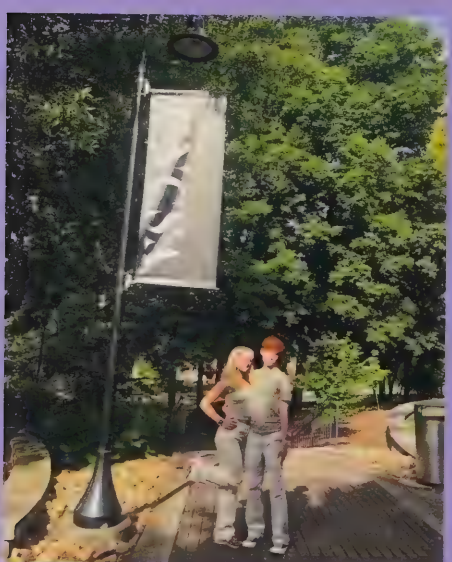
Satiya Willamson showing off her fit!

Kaleb Bell posing for the camera.



Joey smiling in her summer outfit.

Finch shows off one of his favorite fits.



Our pickles love to twin! Spencer and Nadia sport coordinated outfits for the first day of school.

Kelsey poses in her fav warm winter fit.

Tanisi snaps a pic before heading off to class!

More fun dorm mirror pics: seniors smile in their fits!

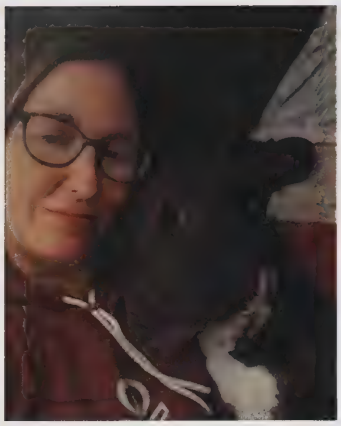
Elsa and Karis dress up for the Barbie movie! The new Barbie movie inspired tons of cute outfits.

Bowie and Kelsey posing for a fun pic.

Felicia sports a colorful summer fit.

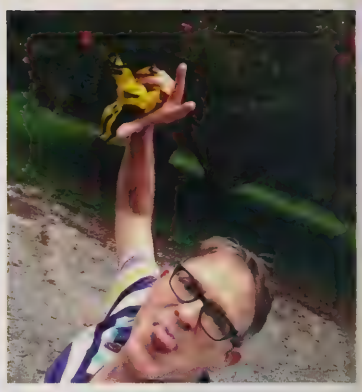
Our pickles are known for their fun fits!! Whether it be going to class or a fun night off campus, they always bring their best. They have fun putting together the perfect outfit, especially because UNCSA's lack of a dress code inspires their fashion creativity. This page highlights the nominees for "Best Dressed" for senior superlatives as well as some other amazing fits!!

Teachers and Administration



Ms. Yokeley with her dog, Goose Anne, enjoying a girls night. "I love that she poses for pictures."

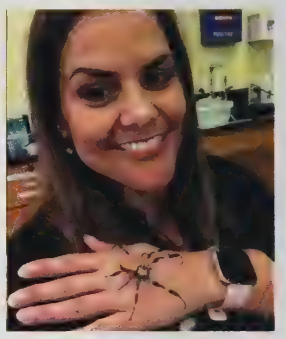
Dr. Hart at a rally in Greensboro.



Mr. Pfefferkorn takes a silly selfie while doing yard work.

Ms. White sporting a UNCSA chef's hat and some good pickle spirit.

Ms. Hester enjoys spending time at Lake Waccamaw. "It is a place of great peace and calm for me close to my hometown."



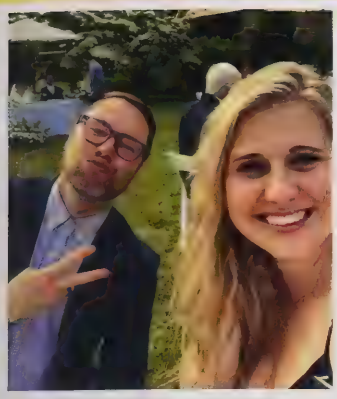
Ms. Willey with a beloved golden orb-weaver.

Sra. Akinbo cherishing a moment with her dog, Sammy.

In spring semester, we welcomed Mr. Limehouse as a new addition to the pickle family.

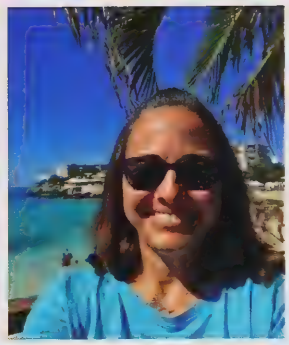
Brock Snyder is always there to help with college and class concerns.

Dr. Rogers smiling through the day.



Dr. Haynes and her husband, Nathan at a family wedding in Boone, NC.

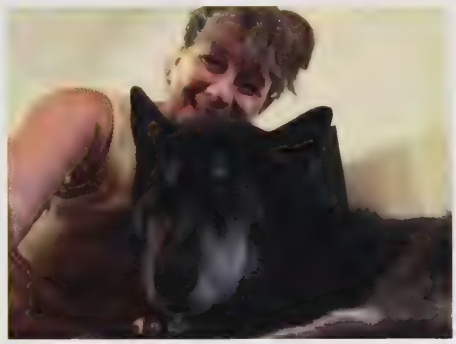
Kim Stiller with her daughters on Christmas day.



Ms. Harvey enjoying the sun and sand at the beach in St. Martin.

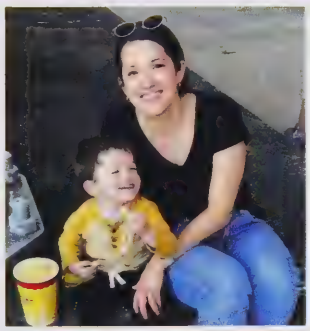
Mr. Bo with his daughter and his dog in South Mountain State Park.

Dr. Ferrell with his family.

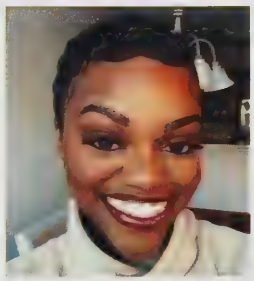


Ms. Graves with her wonderful dog.

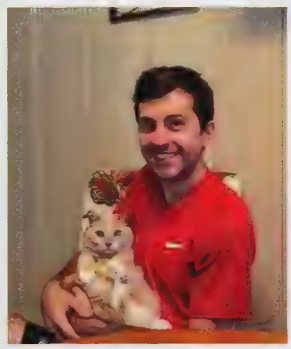
Stacy, getting ready for the Greensboro Summer Solstice Festival.



Ms. Douglass with her son, Max, at a Wake Forest football game.



Ms. Bell getting ready to spend some time with friends during the holidays.



Mr. Sabolcik cradles his adorable cat, Ellie.

Our teachers and administrators are one of the main ingredients in our lives as pickles at UNCSA. They guide us and support our hopes and dreams, helping to shape us into who we are. Here is a glimpse into their lives and what makes them happy.

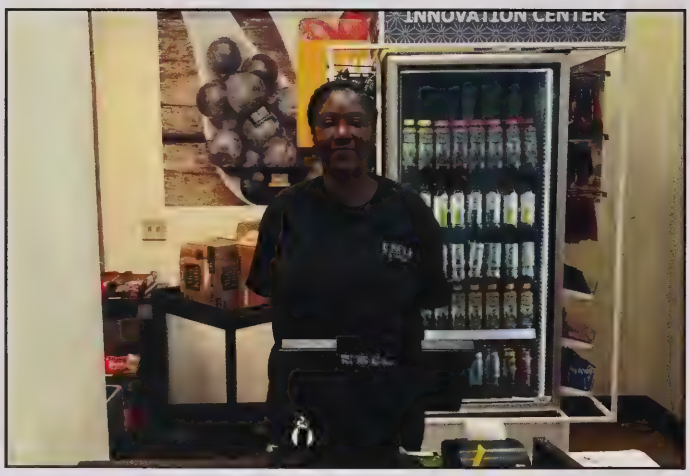
Mr. George and Mrs. George at a concert in Atlanta last summer.

Dining Staff

Cafeteria Staff

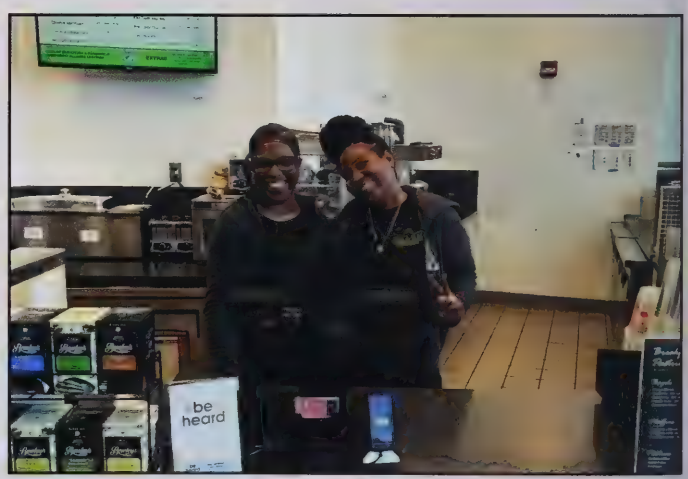
Q and Hector always bring the best food, conversation, and vibes to the cafeteria.

Julia always greets everyone with a smile outside the cafeteria!



Erica posing after a long day scanning at the P.O.D.!

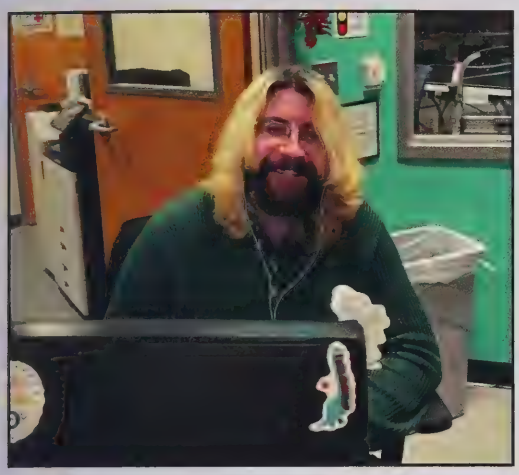
P.O.D. and Library Cafe



We love the workers in the P.O.D. and the Library Cafe (and the Pickle Jar too)!

The staff at UNCSA keep all of us safe and happy. The CC's make the dorms welcoming and fun while the other staff keep our school organized. The school would not be the same without them, and we often forget how much they do for us. Students, make sure you are giving them all the appreciation they deserve!

Community Coordinators and Connector Staff



Ian keeps it real at the connector desk.

Mrs. Stephanie on Desk Duty all week. We appreciate her work immensely.

Congratulations Dr Ford! Our newest Doctorate Pickle and all of our other favorite community coordinator pickles celebrate this Milestone moment for Dr. Ford!

Ms. Suzie makes everyone feel safe and welcome in the dorms, and is head of the Student Government Association!

Matt and the other CC's set up a monthly birthday celebration to help make birthdays feel a little extra special!

Rehearsals + Performances

The ballet students spent their entire first semester rehearsing The Nutcracker in preparation for their performances in December. Liam Hutt danced the role of solider doll and is being carried offstage in the photo above.

Students at UNCSA spend hours upon hours during their weekly schedule rehearsing and preparing for many performance opportunities throughout the year. Each rehearsal looks different but the goal for every rehearsal is to get all of the artists stage ready while advancing their technique and skills. It can be difficult for students to balance their rehearsal schedule with their academics and other engagements, especially during the week of dress and tech rehearsal. These dedicated students make it work and have put on several amazing performances this school year!

The M1B first year high school contemporary class rehearsed for several months to perform in UNCSA's first Holiday Suite. Their dance was about celebrating the Day of the Dead and Mexican Traditions.

The M2 contemporary class was so excited to have tech rehearsal on stage before their first performance of fall dance. Their dance this year honored Japanese traditions and a relative of their choreographer.

Mariella Saunders, Olivia Vorhis, Spencer Fitzgerald, Nadia Chudzik, and Valadie Cammack from the M2 contemporary class are pictured above in their costumes from their Holiday Suite performance. The M2 students were so excited to partake in UNCSA's first Holiday Suite and danced honoring Taiwanese Traditions.

Vivi Hughey and others pictured above in Studio A rehearsing for The Nutcracker. Students agree that a long night of rehearsal is always made better by the pretty view of the sunset.

The M1B contemporary class is pictured above in their tech rehearsal for Fall Dance. The first year students loved their piece "Super Conductor".

Madeline Smith smiling in rehearsal for The Nutcracker while waiting for her cast to dance.

Ballet

The B6s celebrating the day of love! We love to see the seas of red and pink!

Ah! Emma Kate spooks Audrey before she makes her rat debut in Battle Scene!

Emma Kate and Hailey twinning on the last class of winter semester! Nifa pops in for a photo bomb!

Kyla showcases a beautiful arabesque while visiting Chicago! She loves the Windy City!

Ava, Audrey, and Reese eagerly anticipating Nutcracker! Snow and Marzipan!

B4 Gimme More! Celebrating Halloween by dancing to Britney Spears' best hits!

Chloe and Allie posing in beautiful costumes for Nutcracker! Ginger snap and flower ready!

Kyla, Brynn, Skylar, Ella and Jenny excited to represent UNCSA at YAGP!

Ballet has faced many changes this year but we have thrived amidst them! Although it was sad when the Stevens Center closed this year, ballet students received the opportunity to perform The Nutcracker to a sold out audience in the Tanger Center! They worked with inspiring choreographers in Winter and Spring Dance and captivated the audience with their beauty and emotion. The ballet students' dedication and discipline can never be ignored and we can't wait to see what's in store for their futures!

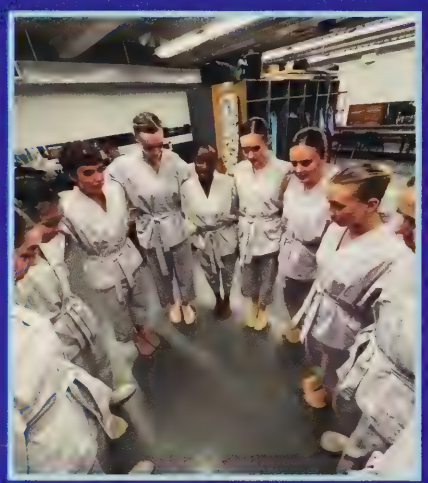
The B3s strike a silly pose with Ms. Zerbe before school lets out for winter break!

The B2s snap a pic with Ms. Fox for her last class! We're going to miss her so much!

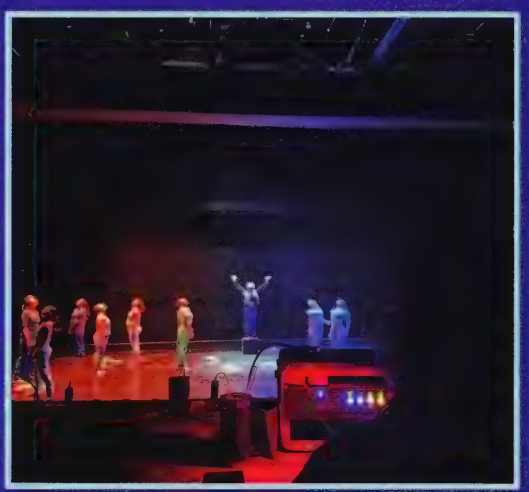
Contemporary

The contemporary students hit the ground running from the beginning of their semester. They started their year by performing a fun Fall Dance and then dove straight into Emerging Choreography rehearsals. For the first time this year, the contemporary students participated in a new performance, "Holiday Suite". Their year is filled with intense rehearsals, long composition classes, and tons of laughs.

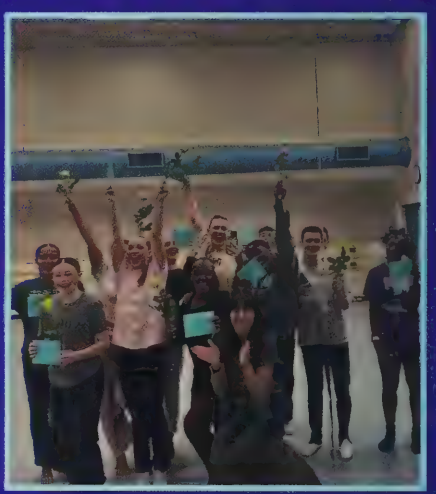
The M1B class was super excited to perform their dance "Super Conductor" for the last time during their first year as part of Fall Dance.



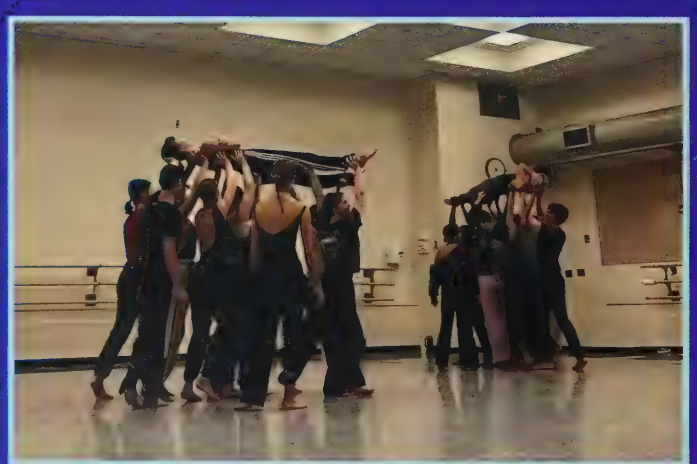
The M2 class getting in the zone before they perform for their piece in Fall Dance.



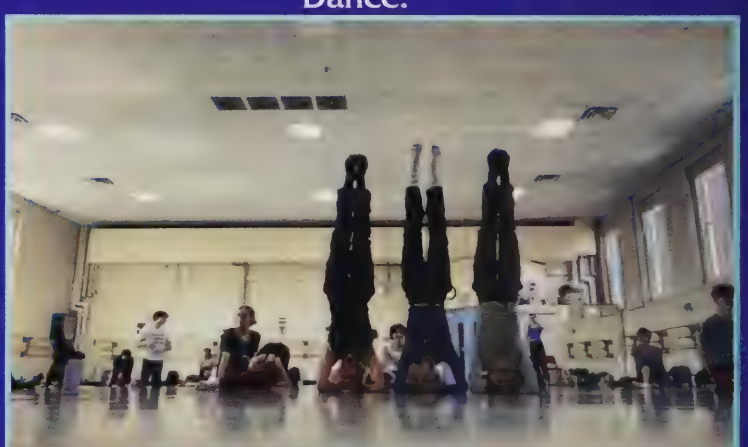
M1Bs in Fall Dance tech rehearsal working on lighting.



M1Bs take a mirror picture with Kira before the opening night of Fall Dance.



M1Bs are practicing group lifts in partnering class.



Mariella, Nadia, and Valadie showing off their headstands in Ming's technique class.

M1B dancers are focusing intently in Sean's technique class.

M1Bs taking a group photo in their first rehearsal together.

Joanna hits a back attitude in a combination during Sean's technique class.

All of the high school and college M2s pose for a picture at the start of the school year!

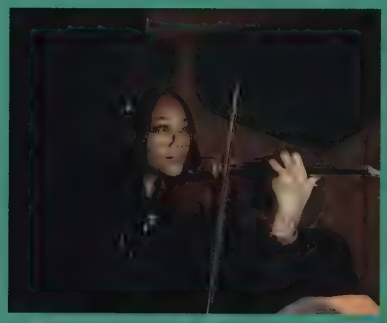
Mariella, Valadie, and Olivia are matching in their Pluck shirts for Holiday Suite rehearsal.

Music

This year in the school of music has been one of change and performances galore! Robert Franz became the artistic director, and we had the last performances in the Stevens Center before it closed for renovations in November. We also bonded over bus rides to Greensboro and High Point.

The UNCSA symphony orchestra performing Tchaikovsky 5 at the Stevens Center conducted by Robert Franz during the first semester.

Aiden, Daya, and Annabelle with harpist Noel Wan after her solo recital in Burlington.



Felicia Adizue warming up for a winter opera performance of Maria di Rohan.

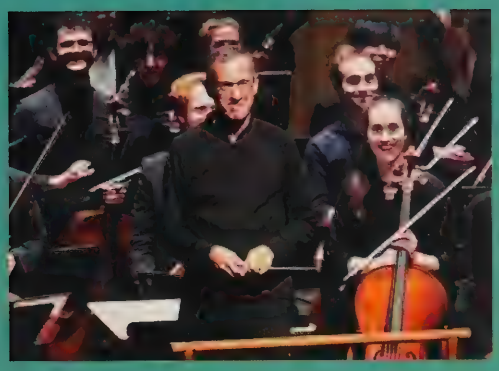
The bass studio with Edgar Meyer after a masterclass!

One of the UNCSA Brass Quintets, featuring high schoolers Celeste, Ivan, and Pierson, playing "A Western Fanfare".

The high school percussionists taking a break to take pictures a few days before performing Brahms 1.

Willow, Micah, and Michael play in a jazz combo with college students and amazing guest artist, Greg Tardy

Ksenija Komljenovic is the new percussion professor. She is the first woman from Serbia to receive a doctorate in percussion.



UNCSA alumni, Robert Franz is the new artistic director and conductor.

High school vocalists during the Cantata Holiday Concert.

Jordan Bak performing his outstanding new faculty recital in Watson hall. He is the new viola professor.

Phoebe Pylant playing flute in a tree as part of the 10,000 Birds performance.

Samuel Han playing Chopin Fantasie Op. 49 in F Minor in the piano studio recital.

Mason Waterman and Reagan Henderson playing in the pit for Nutcracker at the Steven Tanger Center.

Visual Arts I

First year visual artists begin their journey at UNCSA exploring sculpture, design, and drawing classes to learn the foundations of art. With each project assigned, they explore new concepts and techniques. Throughout the year the new art students have probably forgotten to bring their art supplies to class a couple of times, but their close knit peers are quick to lend theirs. As they figure out how to balance their artwork and academics, they make new friends and grow closer in their studios.

Iris Clausen drawing with white pencil on black paper.

Lily Guerin gluing her gigantic sculpture project together.

Loie Jones starting the underdrawing for her imaginary city design project.

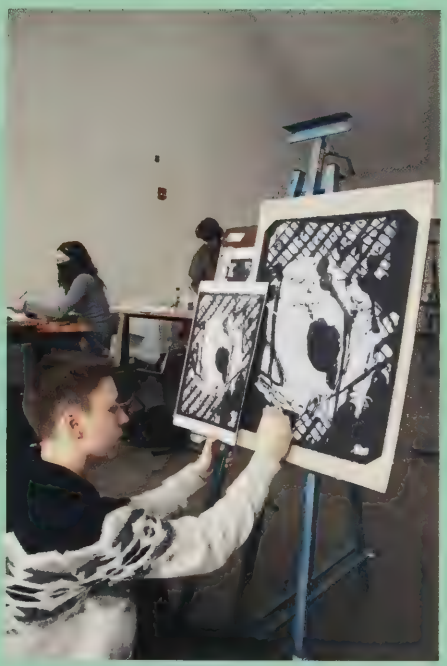
Greyson Brown adding final touches on his white pencil on black paper drawing.

Lee Ledford and Ava Scott-Ashely in sculpture.

Elijah Kimball and Arlo Garretson thinking about color schemes for their design project.

Addi Crowder getting her sculpture project ready for critique.

Gabsia Tohnya painting his miniature sculpture.



Ashe Denny working on a drawing assignment using white pencil.

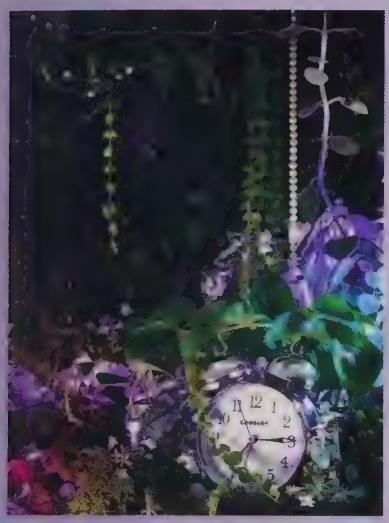
VAI's working in design class on their second semester projects.

Visual Arts II

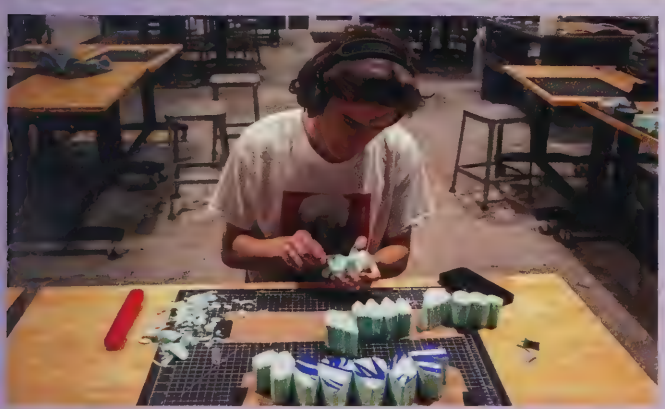
Second year visual artists continue their education at UNCSA. After surviving their first year, they now have to take their art education one step further by adding AP Art history to their curriculum as well as advancing their sculpture, design, and drawing classes from the previous year. The students start to develop what they want to do for the senior thesis art and beyond that, planning for life after high school. The Art program at UNCSA has helped them become great artists, but ending their chapter here, they will still continue making brilliant art elsewhere.

Marianna Estupinan and Shaun Kawalec learning the mechanics of the DSLR camera.

Finch putting up his intensive arts work for the exhibition.



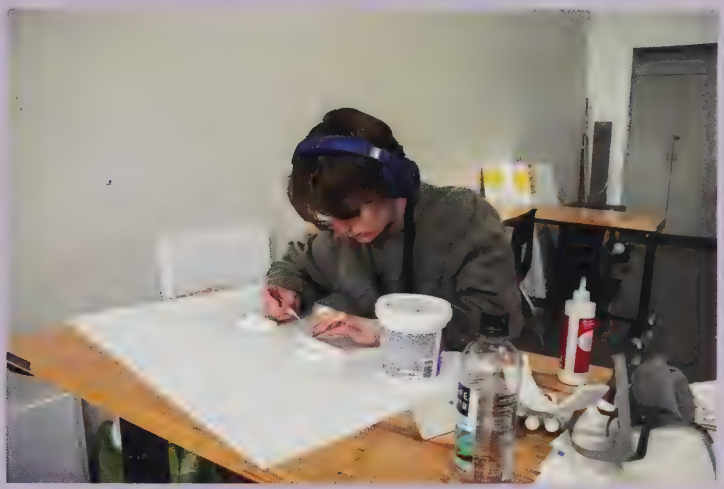
In Advanced Design, second year visual arts students were split into two random teams and challenged to create and edit a still life photograph (Above and Left).



Soph Karner, Lynn Zawistowski, and Alexander Turpin working with foam for their thesis projects (pictured above).

Bea McLellan working in her sketchbook as part of her intensive arts project (left).

Drawing by Lilly Pesakoff



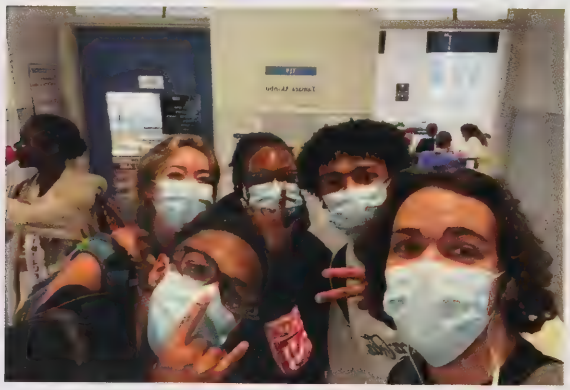
Shaun Kawalec preparing to begin his thesis project that he will work on for five weeks.

The VA2s think about where they want to take their banana boat.

Drama

Most of the drama class was so eager to visit the Carolina Performing Arts in Chapel Hill to see a new upcoming show.

Bowie, Kaleb, Satiya, Richmond, Laylah, and CCMT support their fellow contemporary friends in Fall Dance!



Hazel, Kaleb, Nicole, Richmond, and Cohen take a picture in the academic hall. Masked up and ready to learn!

Laylah and Richmond enjoying the fresh air and night sky.

Kaleb and Laylah accidentally twinning with some nice overalls and a clean white tee for a day.

Adair taking a picture on snapchat for her friend back home, and Cohen joins in on the fun!

The Meraki class getting their groove on having an exciting time while learning "All That Jazz" from Chicago.

Laylah and Satiya posing together with a nice smile after an eventful drama class!

Hazel and Kelsey dancing to Dancing Queen by ABBA.

The Meraki Class showing off their masks that they received for the Masquerade Dance.

Kaleb posing by the iconic Drama sign, awaiting his adventures that he will take for his senior year at UNCSA!

The Drama program is filled with 25 talented seniors. You can always here their voices echoing through the halls as their charismatic personalities bring light and laughter to this school. Drama students have spent the year preparing for auditions and progressing acting, singing and dancing. We can't wait to see these pickles' names in lights one day!

Freshmen Highlights

These fresh cucumbers were delighted to come to UNCSA to start off their high school career. New students bring new perspectives and excitement to the school. "Freshman year was filled to the brim with lasting memories," says Lila. Moving away from home at 14 years old comes with its challenges, but the reward of getting to do what you love each day outweighs the hardship. Meeting new pickles from all over the world is such a special and unique experience. This small group of artists will have the privilege to grow with each other for the next four years! Overall the 2023-24 year, filled with lots of artistic triumphs and lots of goofing off, was one of celebration!

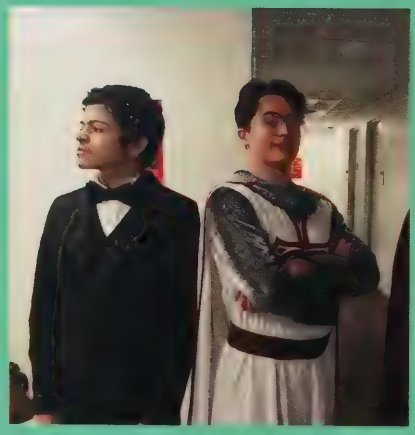
Snack break! Ben, Eugene, and Rhys eating in Mr. Smith's World History class.

Yay Performances! Caroline and Dylan playing in the first semester Percussion Recital.

Eugene and Kylee offering rides through campus.

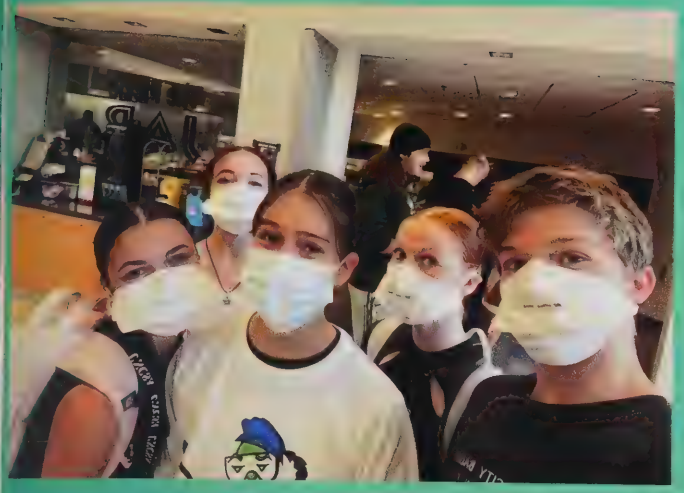
Eugene, Lila, and Ainsley dressed as mice for the B2 Halloween theme "B2 Sacre Bleu."

Brayden and Landon taking a picture in the iconic Artist Village!



Eija and Sawyer dressed up for Halloween.

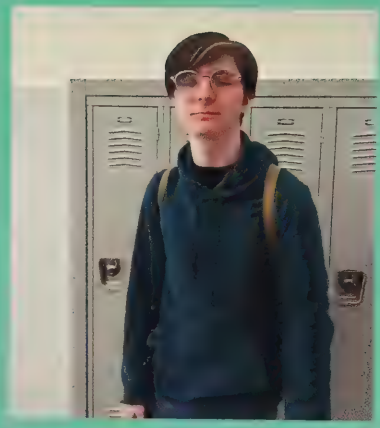
A late night POD trip never disappoints.



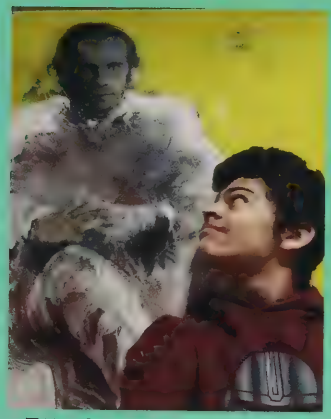
A group of freshmen wearing masks during a campus COVID outbreak.

A photo booth picture at Eugene's 16th birthday party!

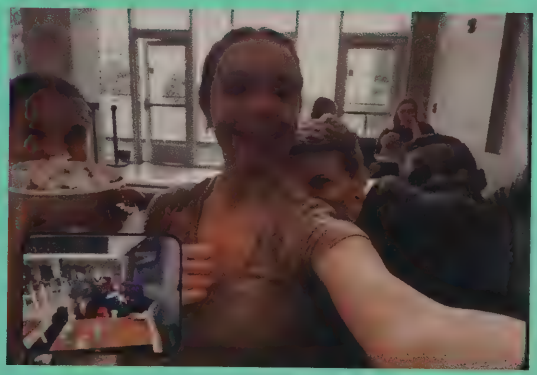
Some girls excited for HOCO! They loved getting ready together and taking cute pics.



Kyler walking to class.



Eija looking at the art in Watson Hall.



Freshmen taking a BeReal at the Pickle Jar after they started serving bowls!

Willow and Lila at the Masquerade Dance!

Freshmen getting their hair styled.

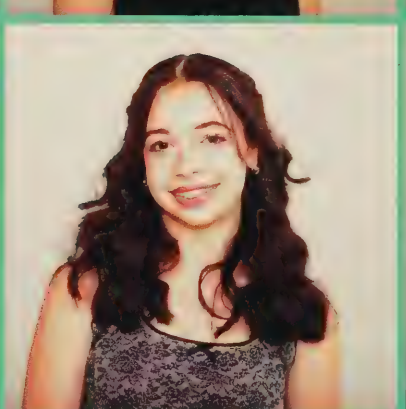
Alegra Aguilar Rodriguez
Kyler Brookman
Rhys Crawford

Maggie Daley
Kylee Kuhn
Juliette Laxton

Eija Maldonado
Willow Mcdowell
Eugene Ochieng

Brayden Pope
Caroline Rucker
Dylan Schepker

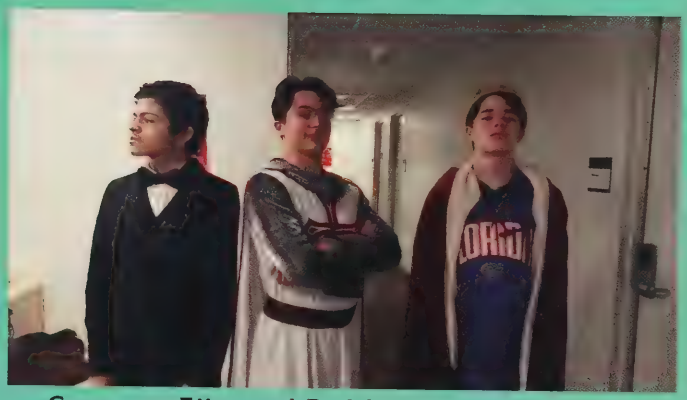
Landon Shields
Ainsley Vaughn
Benjamin Ward



Lila Wells
Sawyer
Whitemiller

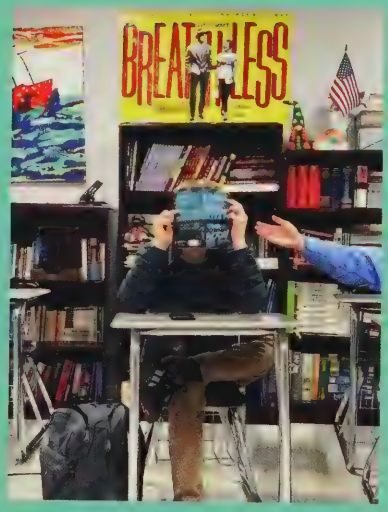
Juliette and Kylee love a chance to wear a colored leo. They had so much fun doing this V-day photoshoot.

This BeReal is so real! These Freshman give a post rehearsal look as they snap a quick picture.



Sawyer, Eija and Robbie doing a power pose before their master class! These three are kings of the freshman class.

Eugene is always cracking us up! We love these times of laughter in the dance lounge.



Reading "The Body" is a core UNCSA experience as freshman. Ben hides behind his book after not completing the homework.

Move in was a success for these three returning musicians.

Always important to make time in the day for a visit to Mr. Bo!

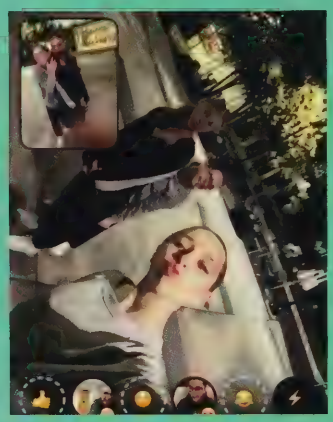
The 1:30 civics class may be small but they sure do fill up the space with their big personalities!

Ella and Kathryn were super excited to get to perform at Tanger Center.

The masquerade dance was a success, with Fox and Trent bringing the dance floor to life.

Chem labs with Mr. George really put our science skills to the test!

Addison, Lila, Della, and Leah ready for the first day of school!



Evening walks are always a good time for the BeReal to go off!

Kathryn, Ella, and David on a typical Friday night in the backyard.

The sophomores have had an exhilarating year, filled with performances and recitals galore. Musicians and dancers alike have grown exponentially in their arts during their second year of high school, they are dedicated to their craft and can't wait to see what is to come during the rest of their time here at UNCSA. From acting out the Twelfth Night with Dr. Haynes, to becoming senators with Ms. Douglass, these sophomore's have had quite the time this year, filled with collective experiences that are shaping who they are.

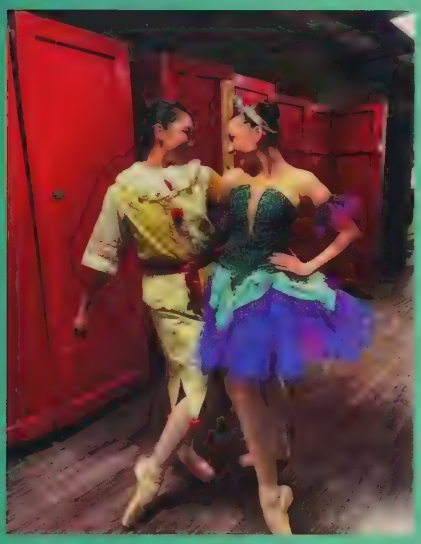
Eli showing his halloween spirit in civics.

Sophomore Highlights

Ivan and the ICONIC Tubazooka.

Roommates Allie and Leah hanging out in the dorm halls.

Scout and Skylar out at homecoming!



Wenyi and Ella before the final performance of the Nutcracker for the year.

Anastasia hard at work on her essay!

The B3 girls celebrating Valentines Day with fun leotards for pointe class!

Abril and Annabelle snap a quick pic in between classes.

Everyone is always willing to lend a helping hand backstage!

Gray enjoying the nice day as he walks to school.

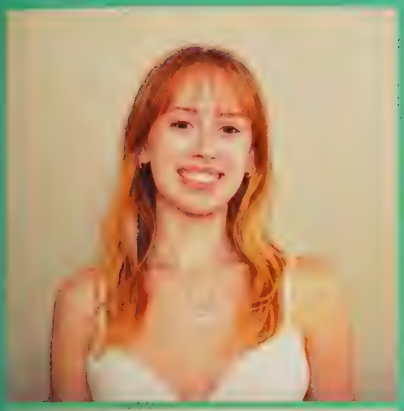
Hope Adams
Lila Bell
Della Benavides

Allie Cataldi
Sadie Evans
Addison Farley

Fox Hamblen
Mika Hannah
Ella Holcomb

Sarah Jafroodi
Ella Ledford
Wenyi Li

Trent Masi
Skylar Mills
Ivan Potts



Scout Rabideau
David Rankin
Anastasia Sugimoto

Leah Thomas
Annabelle Wang
Gray Wilkins

Kathryn Zello

Anastasia, Kathryn, and Ella doing some group work in English.

Della, Mika, and Leah took some cute photos together after getting their portraits taken by Mr. Bo!

David and Kathryn are on the move!

Allie and Fox all ready for opening night!

Hope and Sarah snap a quick pic in between classes.

Roommates Ella and Skylar after successful performances at YAGP!

Junior Highlights

An adorable digital picture by Stella, Scarlett, and Tessa.

John dresses up as the iconic Dr. Winkelman for Halloween!

Besties all dressed up! Mya and Joanna snap this cute pic before hoco!

Jenny with her favorite senior on picture day making a kissy face!

Majerle and CJ compare heights in the Library Cafe!

Christmas cheer and excitement for break from these M1Bs!

Zombies vs Humans is something UNCSA students look forward to every year. These new juniors agree!

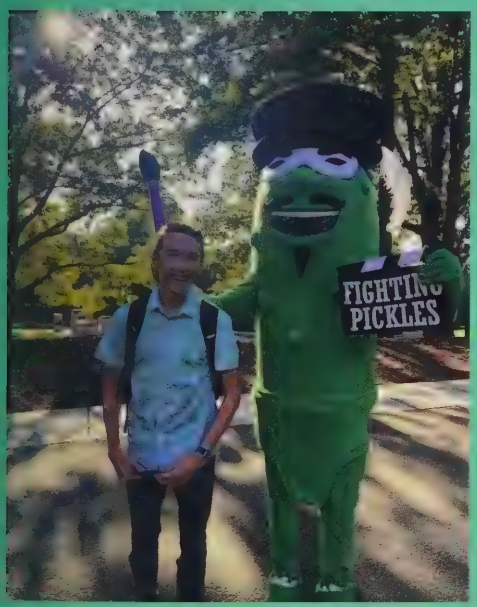
Granola Girls! Stella and Tessa on the way to a fun weekend hiking trip!

Lee and Ava taking a cute pic together after getting their portraits taken!

Some juniors snap a pic at the Hoco photo booth!

Some juniors girls get together to celebrate Joanna's birthday! They loved sharing this beautiful day together in their cute summer fits.

Arabel and Raelle take a quick selfie while enjoying their Deweys on the Thruway shopping trip. They loved enjoying this Winston-Salem sweet treat!



John (a new pickle this year) with the mascot! They snap this awesome picture on the first day of school!

With the addition of contemporary dance students, voice students, and visual artists, junior year brings opportunity to lots of new people! Oftentimes considered one of the hardest years of high school, junior year is surely full of ups and downs, and UNCSA is no exception. The class of 2025 has been working hard, facing tough academic classes, taking the SAT/ACT, and managing a more rigorous arts schedule and longer rehearsals. But these juniors always make sure to have fun with amazing performances, exhibitions, and time to relax with friends!

Felicia Adizue
Tofarati Agbebi
Margaux Beller

Aubree Bishop
Alyssa Bole
Emerson Brown

Liv Cacanindin
Xavier Cacanindin
Myla Calhoun

Adalyn Cawthon
Yija Cheng
Andrew Cho

Mattias Christian
Sam Chubb
Cj Claggett

Iris Clausen
Brynn Copeland
Afrah Daidzic

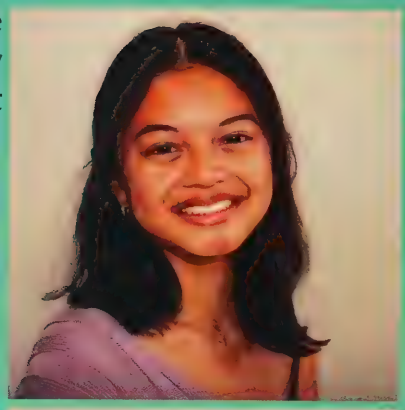
Leilani Diamond
Jennifer Firschein
Spencer Fitzgerald

Aslan Fuller
Eden Furbert
Arlo Garretson

Kyla Guay
Lucy Hedblom
Hayley Herb

Joanna Holden
Griffin Honrado
Heather Hopkins

Skyla Horace
Vivi Hughey
William Jalkut



Molly Jordan
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Noelle Kebebew

Mckenna Kelly
Gianna Kepner
Mya Kerestes

Kathryne Kilby
Sarah Ladner
Tessa Ledbetter

Lee Ledford
Ava Lindenmayer
Majerle Loy

Carley Mabe
Zion Mack
John Madison

Virginia Grace
Mataya
Mila Mazur
Hailey Minter

Stella Morris
Lara Mršnik Cemažar
Saya Nolan

Eva Okhotina
Carter Phillips
Molly Poland

Phoebe Pylant
Charlotte Pyle
HeHe Qi

Pierson Rickard
Cameron Riley
Allie Roos

Astrid Scales
Ava Scott-Ashley
Madeleine Smith

Mallory Stratton
Kelsey Swire
Scarlett Szewczyk

Ella Weathersbee
Madison Wesson
Kathryn Whalen

Madeleine, Saya, Spencer, Kyla, and Brynn taking a squad picture!

Some B4's posing after a great ballet class!

A cool group of friends chilling in a lounge room!

Noelle, Skyla, and Ella all dressed up taking photos.

A group of friends taking a fun trip exploring Old Salem.

Tessa and Scarlett capture this moment from emerging on film.

Contemporary dancers posing in pink on Valentines Day!

Adalyn, Kelsey, and Mya on the first day of school.

Joanna, Spencer, and Mya before Homecoming.

Some fun voice students taking a cute group picture.

Liv, Vivi, and Andrew enjoying a day off at the cat café.

A Group of M1Bs before their Fall Dance performance!

Senior Highlights

As our senior year comes to a close and we don our caps and gowns, we are eager to go out into the world. We've trained hard and learned a lot in our arts and academics, and we've excelled in both. We've also acquired essential life lessons and social skills that we will carry with us in our futures. The friendships we've made here will last a lifetime. Though we are sad to leave UNCSA, we will always treasure the memories we've made. We are so excited to see where our futures take us!

Simon, Max, Rhys, Eden, and Mattias snap a selfie after a trip to the POD.

Mason and Chlo survive the rain during student move in!

Dr. Hart's Women and Gender Studies class briefly escapes campus to take a field trip to a library.

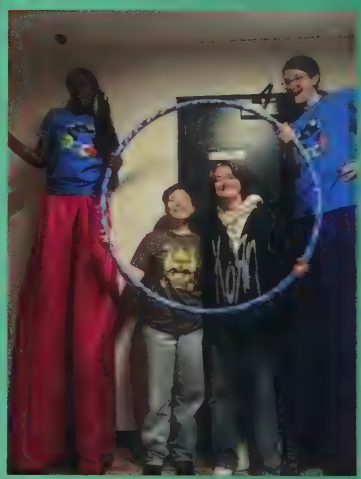
Bowie and Lincoln share a hug in some aesthetic lighting.

Bea and Karis enjoy a Saturday morning farmer's market trip.

Lily, Finch, Bowie, Sami, Satiya, Tanisi, and Kelsey bake cookies in the connector for Valentine's Day.

Seniors sporting sunglasses!

Reese and Ava express feelings of excitement and concern about reaching voting age. These senior pickles are ready to take political action!

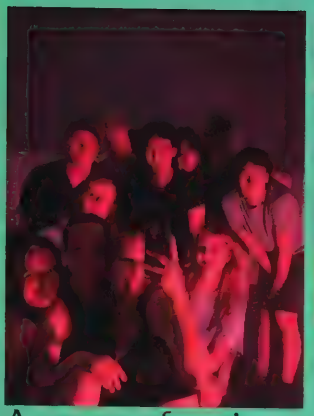


Laylah, Bowie, Max, and Auguste enjoy exploring the clown props from the Drama Department.

Lily and Joey are ready to watch a performance at the Stevens Center

Madi, Audrey, Ava, Emma Kate, and Reese celebrate Ava's 18th birthday at Print Works Bistro.

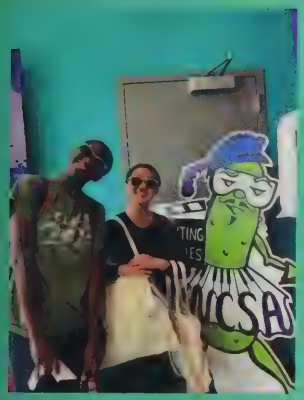
Ella, Audrey, Harry, and Nifa take a senior pickles picture before performing "Joplin Dances" in Winter Dance.



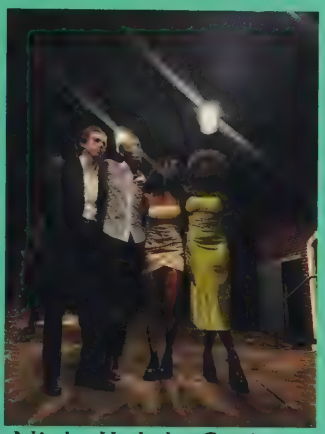
A group of seniors take a mirror selfie.

Auguste, Davis, and Mia take a dramatic selfie; which is fitting because they are drama students!

Timire and Sami bask in golden hour.



Nifa and Karis wish they were as cool as the fighting pickle mascot.



Nick, Kaleb, Satiya, and Laylah are ready for a wild hoco dance!

Drama students take a trip to see an opera.

A group of M2s celebrate Halloween in their "Mamma Mia" inspired costumes.

Chloe Scarola takes school spirit to the max.

Ryan, Randyl, and Stella snap a spooky 0.5!

Celebrating Lily's birthday!

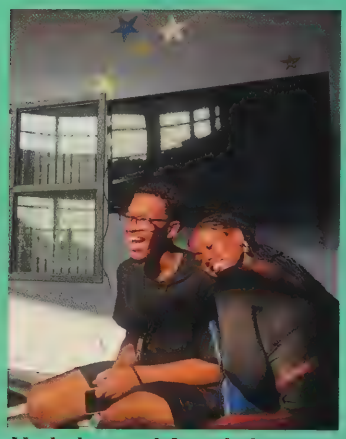
Garrett and friends at the Stevens Center.

Chloe, Ellie, Samuel, and Sam snap a selfie!

Daya, Shya, Harry, and Tanisi hang out in the connector. Digital camera pictures make even a mundane moment look cute!

Alex holding a model brain from AP Psychology.

Senior Highlights



Kaleb and Laylah share a moment in the sunshine.

Elliot poses and points in front of a decorated bulletin board.

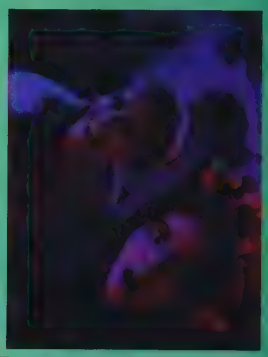
Lily and Joey enjoy a beautiful evening on the UNCSA campus.

Sami and Hazel take a 0.5 picture in the connector.

Ava, Karis, Reese, and Emma Kate snap a picture before their last UNCSA nutcracker performance.

Randyl sports a Scooby Doo costume.

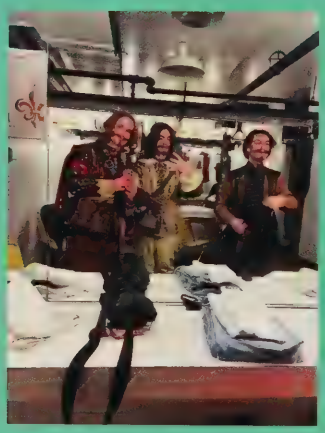
A group of VA2s joke around in front of some incredible artwork.



Davis and Jax take an ethusiastic selfie.

Chlo, Audrey, and Isabelle chat before a Nutcracker show.

Senior friends take a selfie. These friends love to capture special moments on a camera!



Alex and Garrett are in full costume and makeup before a performance.

Lincoln, Laylah, Kaleb, and Satiya take advantage of a warm day.

Lily, Joey, Marianna, and Harry take a mirror selfie while out on a shopping trip.

Max and a friend eat dinner in a parking lot.

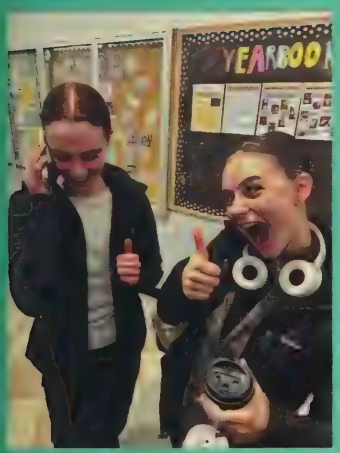
Bridget and Christina love to spend time in the beautiful studio A.

Brea and Jax are excited to see a show.

A group of seniors explore on an outdoor field trip.

These seniors love to hang out, even in the elevator!

Richmond, Kaleb, Laylah, and Nicole are excited about the start of their last year of high school.

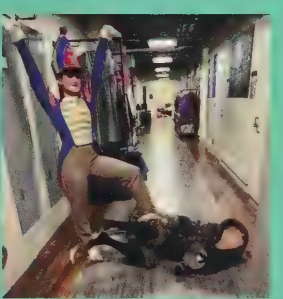


College admissions time! Audrey and Elsa are over the moon after hearing back from a prestigious ballet college program. Congrats!

Harry and Kelsey were the lives of the party at the homecoming dance.

Max and his friends had a blast at the homecoming dance this year.

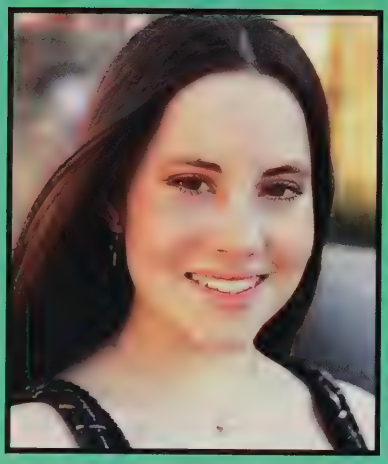
A group of seniors involved in a riveting conversation.



Seniors battle it out! Hailey once again defeats Emma Kate in The Nutcracker.

Adair Addison
Drama

I'm just a silly goose... serious geese wouldn't understand.



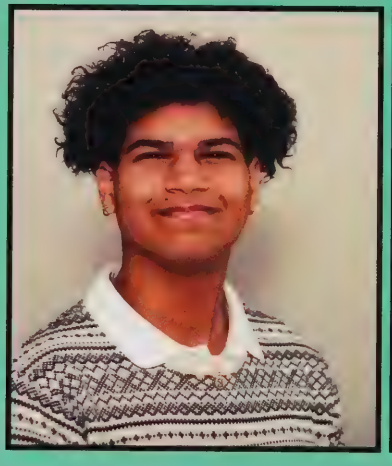
Noah Anderson
Music

Daya Asokan
Music

I've been at this school 4 years and they still don't pronounce my name right.

Remy Baylor
Music

RoKem Bayne
Music



Kaleb Bell
Drama

see ya'll on BROADWAY...yes or no?

Madi Bianco
Dance

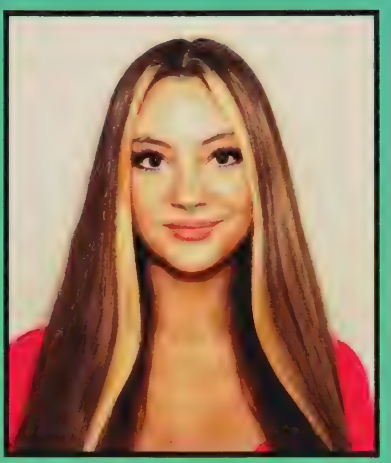
"..."

Valadie Cammack
Dance

"I'm only seventeen, I don't know anything" -Taylor Swift

Audrey Cannon
Dance

I need to reconnect to reality. I'm going to go watch a movie.



Shya Chakeres
Visual Arts

"I would much rather be the obnoxious feminist girl than be complicit in my own dehumanization"
-Kathleen Hanna

Ella Champion
Dance

"From this moment on I know exactly where my life will go."- The Beatles

Sara Nell Chase
Music

"You must never stop being whimsical"
-Mary Oliver

Nadia Chudzik
Dance

Do it for the common app.

Randyl Cleaver
Visual Arts

"I do love having my picture taken, it's proof I exist" - Bojack Horseman

Elizabeth Clemente
Music

"You know, I've realized that I'm probably just perfect and it's everybody else around me that's got issues."- Scott Disick

Siobhan Cogley
Dance

"But if you walk the footsteps of a stranger, you'll learn things you never knew, you never knew"- Pocahontas from "colors of the wind"

Harry Cooper
Dance

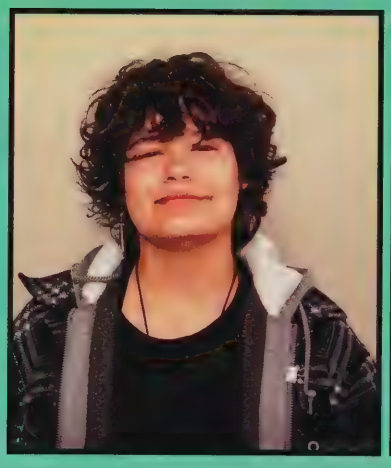
"Why can't I just eat my waffle?" -Barack Obama

Laylah Cooper-Holman
Drama

"What a beautiful rose we are"-"The Woman The Rose" By Denise Holman, Sunrise March 10th, 1954, Sunset November 13th, 2020

Max Cram
Visual Arts

The jeans were always fake.



Ellie Creech
Visual Arts

"Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans."-Allen Saunders-1957

Lincoln Crosby
Music

"and i made up my mind, to define my own destiny" -The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill by Lauryn Hill

Addi Crowder
Visual Arts

Luke Cunningham
Music

"why are you wearing that stupid man suit?"
- Frank

Elliott Daggett
Visual Arts

Game is Game

Reese Dailey
Dance

The best thing I accomplished in these four years is making it to Rockette height!

Tove Davies
Dance

"I'm in love with my future, can't wait to meet her."
- Billie Eilish

Christina Demetropoulos
Music

I've been here for how long?!?!?

Ashe Denny
Visual Arts

"It matters not what someone is born, but what they grow to be."-Albus Dumblebore

Ellie Dixon
Music

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."-Maya Angelou

Celeste Driscoll
Music

sometimes you just gotta have low IQ.

Max George
Visual Arts

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."-Winnie The Pooh

Lily Guerin
Visual Arts

Samuel Han
Music

"To send light into the darkness of men's hearts - such is the duty of the artist."-Robert Schumann

Gavin Hardy
Music

Remember the name.

Elsa Herr
Dance

Ryan Holland
Music

"Well, I'm not being an individual on my own."-Clare Devlin from Derry Girls

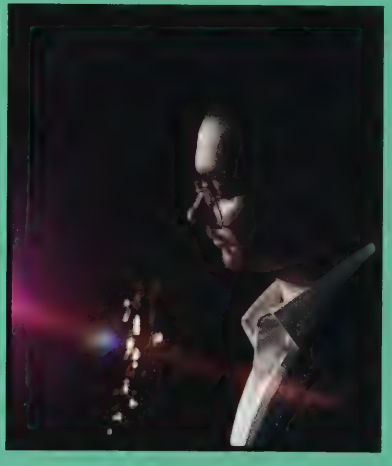
Ye-On Hong
Drama

"One of three stooges made by 1903."
- The hubble

Liam Hutt
Dance

"I think life is about hitting on yourself and being proud of it."
- Tana Mongeau

Diego Infanzon
Music



Lucas Ingle
Music

"The fact that the key is F# minor may be important, or it may not be." -William Albright

Nick Jackson
Music

All things must pass.

Josephine Jakubecy
Visual Arts

Madyson James
Music

Jared Janpol
Music

What do you mean by that?

Thompson Jones
Music

"Time is relative: Its only worth depends upon what we do as it is passing."
-Albert Einstein

Sophia Karner
Visual Arts

After all this time, I still cant cut in a straight line.

Shaun Kawalec
Visual Arts

"Everything we need is already here."
-Porter Robinson

Elijah Kimball
Visual Arts

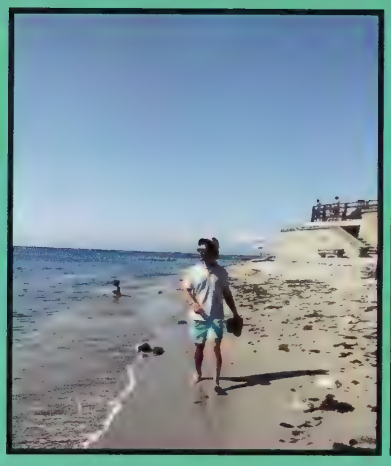
These pretzels are making me thirsty.

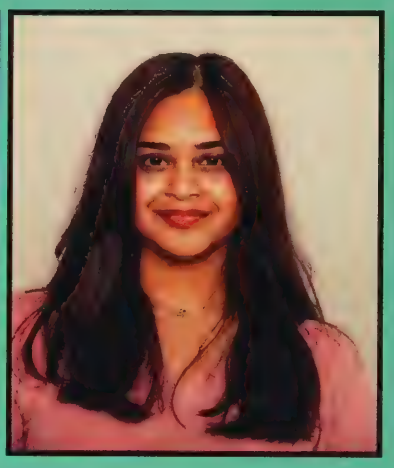
Melayna King
Dance

Finch Kortus
Visual Arts

"How fleeting are all human passions compared with the massive continuity of ducks."-Dorothy L. Sayers

Gabriel Kostov
Music





Sami Kuncharapu
Drama

I submitted this late too.

Ava Lanzas
Dance

Graduation? That could be kinda fun.

Timire Leak
Drama

"There are no new ideas, just new ways of giving those ideas we cherish breath and power in our own living."- Audre Lorde

Karis Lim
Dance

"I have been in the revenge business so long, now that it's over, I don't know what to do with the rest of my life."- Inigo Montoya

Cat Maurer
Music

Beatrice McLellan
Visual Arts

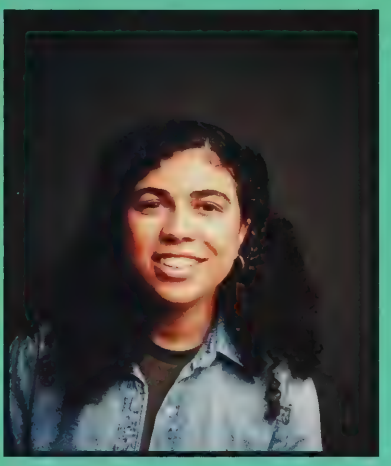
You have to treat these people like sensitive children.

Cohen Messer
Drama

Don't follow your dreams, follow my Instagram: @cohenmesser

Emma Kate Monroe
Dance

Money can't buy happiness, but it can buy SweetFrog.



Brea Nahaj-Taylor

"It's been fun...but I must go now (insert dramatic music)" -my younger self

Stella Blue Nester
Music

"Do you think Lake Eerie ever gets jealous of Lake Superior? Or is it like proud to be the eerie one?" - Bojack Horseman

Alex Nunley
Music

Mia O'Brien
Drama

"My tummy hurts"
-Reneé Rapp

Isabella Okhotina
Music

Zachary Olsen
Music

Nifa Omondi
Dance

"You know what it never was? That serious. It was never that serious." - Rama Sallsao

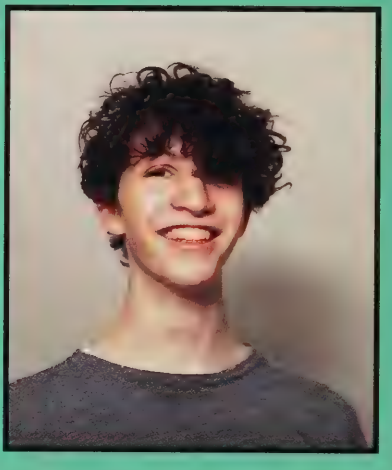
Isabelle Parker
Music

"The song in my head keeps me marching on."- Sarah Jarosz

Richmond Parris
Drama

"The chances you take, the people you meet, the people you love, the faith that you have. That`s what`s going to define you."- Denzel Washington

Claire Patana
Music



Julian Pecoraro
Dance

Ryan Pecorella
Dance

"If you're gonna do something wrong, do it right ." - Big Man Pecorella

Nicole Pereira
Drama

Lilly Pesakoff
Visual Arts

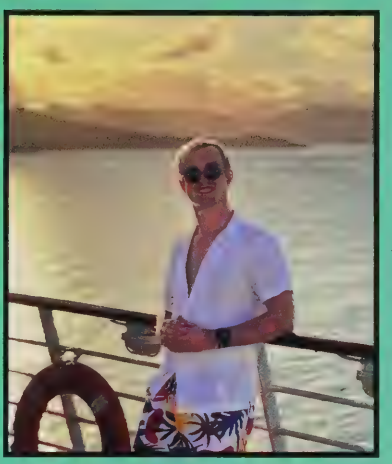
"Life offers up these moments of joy despite everything." - Normal People

Hailey Plunkett
Dance

"I don't like to doze by the fire. I like adventures, and I'm going to find some." - Louisa May Alcott, Little Women

Kate Rampel
Music

"With every breath, a fresh start." - Larry Rosenberg



Garrett Reider
Music

"Being alive is great, you can eat at Denny's, you can wear a hat whenever you want to, it's wonderful." - Norm Macdonald

Naia Renwick
Visual Arts

"Your constant harassment of the female gender makes me siiick ."- Jake the dog, Adventure Time

Seth Roberts
Music

Bruh. I graduated just to go to school again!

Noah Sabourin
Music

"After a long immunity from the dreadful insanity that moves one to become a musician in defiance of the will of God, I finally fell victim to the instrument that they call the [saxophone]." - Mark Twain

Mariella Saunders
Dance

"I do not and will not fear tomorrow because I feel as though today has been enough." - Zach Bryan

Chloe Scarola
Music

"Life is a journey to be experienced, not a problem to be solved."
- Winnie the Pooh

Sophia Schreiber
Dance

"Wit beyond measure is man's greatest treasure." - Luna Lovegood; Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

Lee Shaffer
Visual Arts

"You were always born a crime
We salute you in your grave." - My Chemical Romance "My Way Home is Through You"

Carlie Shaner
Drama

"If you're happy doing what you're doing, then nobody can tell you you're not successful."
- Harry Styles

Aiden Sowers
Music

Drinking from the little fountain of delusion.

Drake Stewart
Music

Ava Strickland
Dance

I just want to lay on the grass and look at the sky.

Gracyn Strickland
Music

"Long story short, I survived."
- Taylor Swift

Olivia Tarlton
Dance

Throwing fertilizer at the people here so they grow the hell up.

Kelsey Thacker
Drama

"We can be heroes, forever and ever!"
- David Bowie

Auguste Thielemann
Drama

Hazel Thompson
Drama

Gabsia Tohnya
Visual Arts

"Abandon all hope, ye who enter here!"
- Dante Alighieri

Alexander Turpin
Visual Arts

Hey babycakes, put it into sport mode.

Simon Vazquez-Carr
Music

Tanisi Venkannagari
Visual Arts

"Don't catch the blue whale, you'll get the tiger later on" -Tanisi

Olivia Vorhis
Dance

"And when she stood, she stood tall"- The Lumineers, "Slow It Down"

Jay Voyles
Dance

I will never beat the allegations.

Chloe Webster
Dance

"I don't want a valuable *lime* lesson. I just want an ice cream." -Bluey, Season 2 Episode 46

Bowie Werran
Drama

"But to make yourself feel nothing so as not to feel anything - what a waste!" - André Aciman

Satiya Williamson
Drama

"There's nothing in the world like love." - Labi Siffre

Hayden Wright
Dance

Monkey see, monkey do.

Bridget Woolley
Dance

I'm not exactly sure what the dream is... but I feel like I'm finally starting to live it!!

Delilah Woolley

peanut butterrrrrrrrr

Lynn Zawistowski
Visual Arts

"I've got blisters on my fingers!!!!" - Ringo Starr

Jax Gervasio
Drama

"I'm not choosing one of your paths, I'm making my own." - Rick Riordan, The House of Hades

Jonah Foster
Music

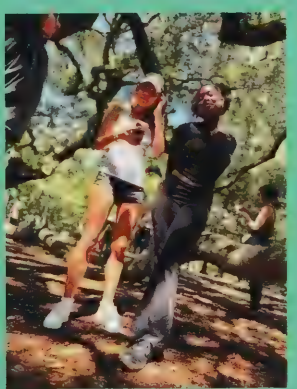
Gus Giegengack
Music

Nick snaps a pic of Gus and Mason.

Liam Hutt performing the role of cavalier in UNCSA's nutcracker!

Mariella Saunders at Prix de Lausanne!

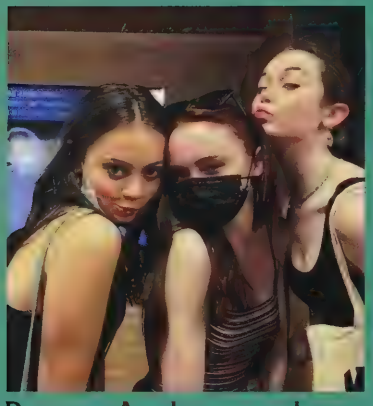
Zach, Felicia, and Kate snap a 0.5 before playing in orchestra!



Laylah and Ellie on a BREAD field trip!

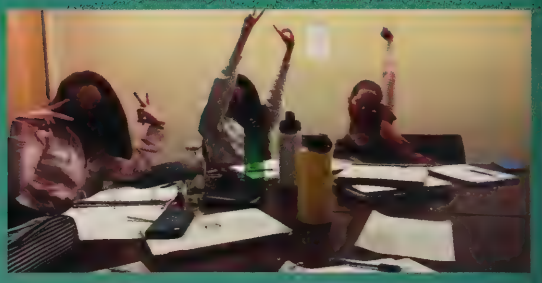
Not Pictured
Olivia Dagenhart, Marianna Estupinan, Aubrey Hinton, Davis Lensch, Owen Majcher, Jack Maerrtin, Micah Phiilipp, Nyla Ruffin, Sidney Steene, Mason Waterman

Nearly Expired Pickles



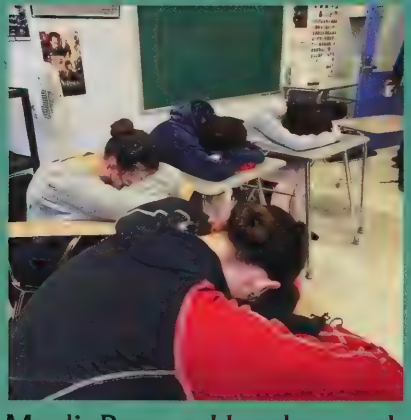
Reese, Audrey, and Hayden shop downtown.

Emma Kate and Reese smile through the pain of the dorm showers.



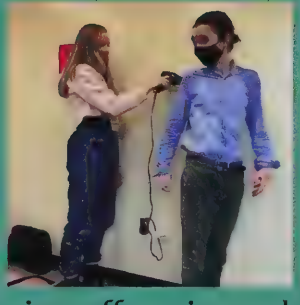
Audrey, Hayden, and Bridget studying in the connector freshman year.

Chlo and Emma Kate on a Thruway trip!



Madi, Reese, Hayden and Emma Kate falling asleep in Dr. Haigh's class sophomore year.

Bridget and Christina in the cafeteria!



Chlo drying off a rain-soaked Lucas with a hairdryer freshman year.

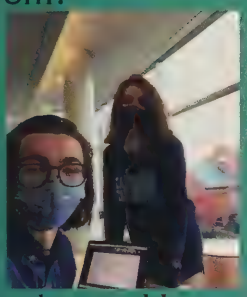
Audrey, Hayden and Emma Kate before sophomore homecoming!

Madi and Bridget dressed as dwarves on Halloween!

Hayden, Chlo, and Audrey at freshman orientation.

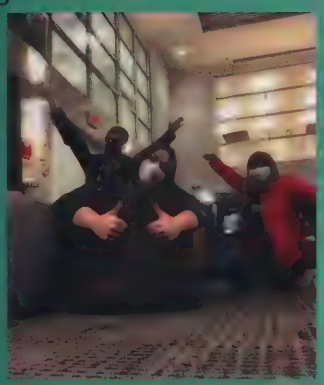
The B1 class freshman year in their practice tutus on St. Patrick's Day!

Emma Kate, Audrey, and Reese before junior prom!



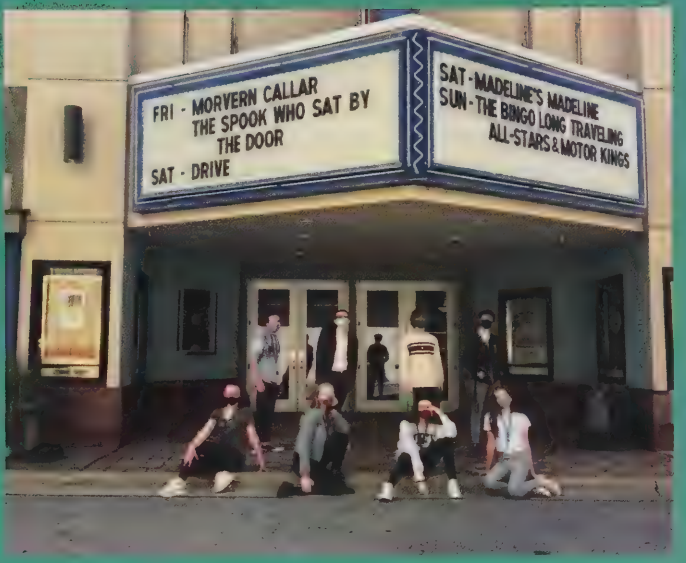
Hayden and Lucas twinning freshman year.

Emma Kate and Hayden getting their first COVID vaccines.



Bridget, Madi, and Christina hang out in the well!

Simon with his bass before a performance freshman year.


FRI - MORVERN CALLAR
THE SPOOK WHO SAT BY THE DOOR
SAT - DRIVE
SAT - MADELINE'S MADELINE
SUN - THE BINGO LONG TRAVELING ALL-STARS & MOTOR KINGS

Some freshmen take a socially-distanced picture in film village.

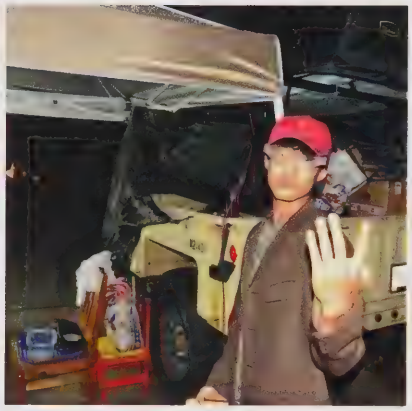
This Four-Year Club is a unique group! We pickles joined the jar as freshmen in 2020, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. Between the days of wearing masks, to the day we put on our graduation caps, we've learned a lot. As ballet dancer Bridget Woolley said, "One of the most beautiful things I've learned at this school is how to appreciate art, different than my own." This truly captures the essence of our unique school and the unique experience of watching as our grade has grown throughout all four years.

Emma Kate, Audrey, and Chlo snap a picture in their last picture before their last performance at the Steven Center in Spring Dance 2023.

The B1 class at their spring performance with Ms. Cordell!

Julian Pecoraro continuing his journey beyond the jar at the Royal Ballet School!

Senior Superlatives

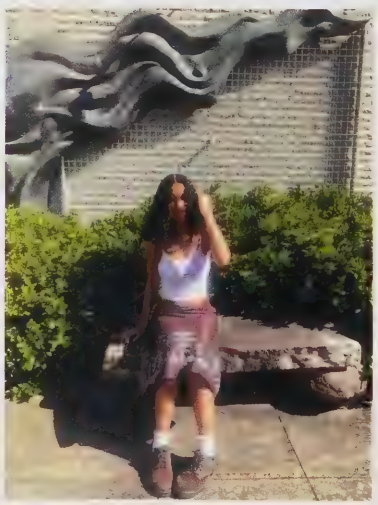


Most Likely to Arrive Late to Graduation
Ye-On Hong

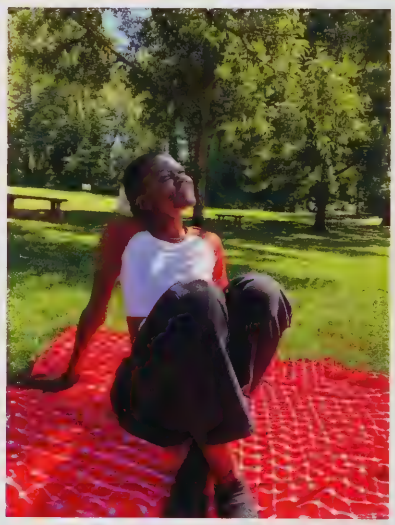
Most Likely to be Famous
Laylah Cooper-Hollman

Best Roommate Duo
Ye-On Hong and Elliot Daggett

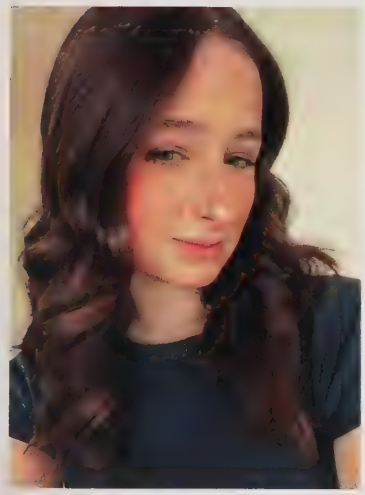
Life of the Party
Kaleb Bell



Best Dressed
Satiya Williamson



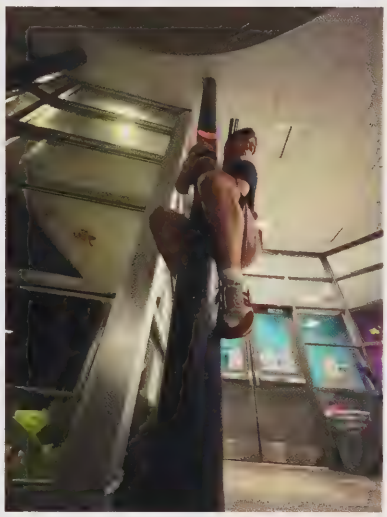
Loudest Sneeze
Nifa Omandi



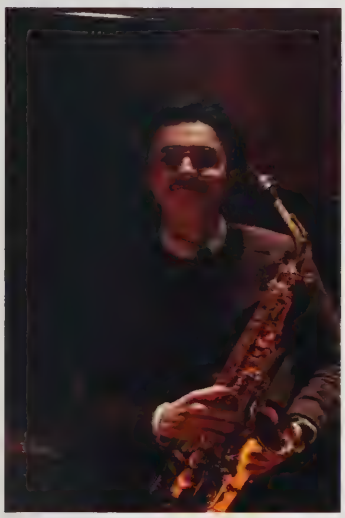
Most Likely to Become
President
Olivia Vorhis

Most Pickle Spirit
Chlo Webster

Best Roommate Duo
Lilly Pesakoff and Sophie Karner



Class Clown
Cohen Messer



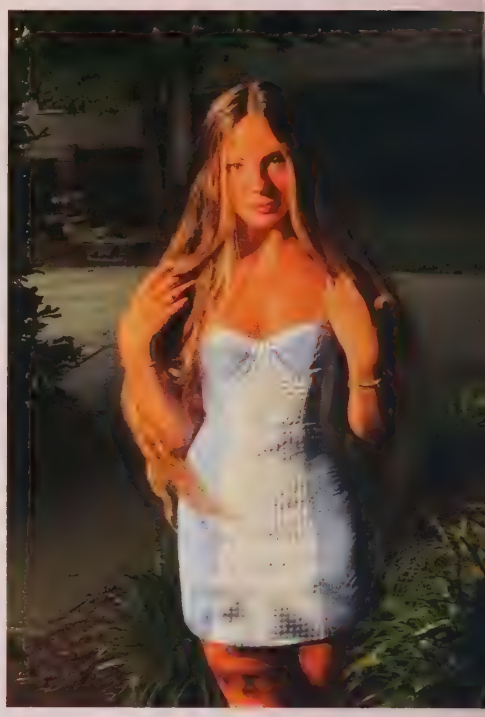
Most Likely to Become a
UNCSA Dean
Lucas Ingle

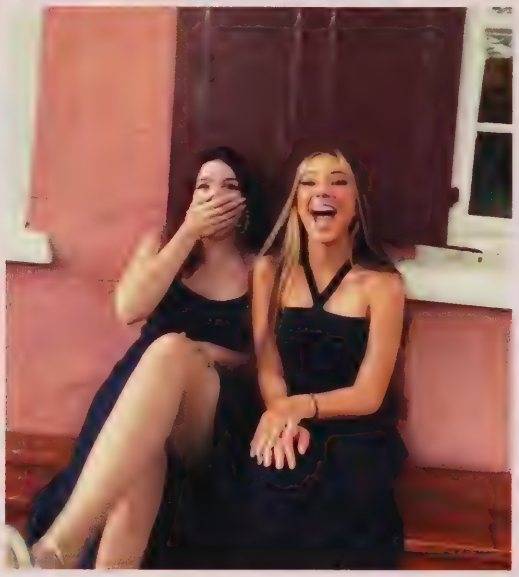
Most Likely to Win Jeopardy
Lincoln Crosby

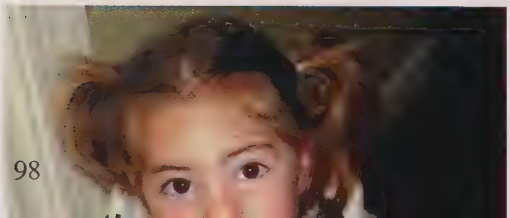
Dear Shya,

We could not be more proud of you or love you more!

You are an amazing, beautiful, kind, intelligent force of nature! *-love mom, dad and nava*



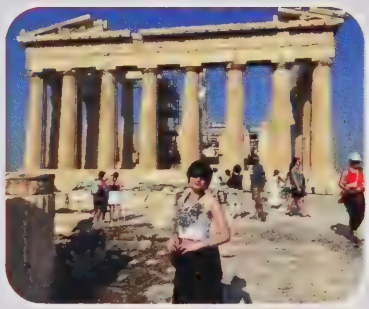




Daya,

Your gift to the world is so much more than your music. You make us proud every day. We love you so much.

Love, Mum, Dah, and Tulla



Dear Olivia/Mal,

We are so proud of you and who you have become.

You are a strong woman that accomplishes ANYTHING she puts her mind too which is demonstrated through your compassion, your art and your beautiful soul.

Congratulations on your success and we look forward to what the future holds for you! You will slay!!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Jacob

Congratulations Nifa

"Ballet is my life." Those were your words from a very early age.

In Nairobi where ballet was unheard of, how was that going to be possible! Your focus and determination on this journey has been unmatched. Look at you now, ballet is indeed your world.

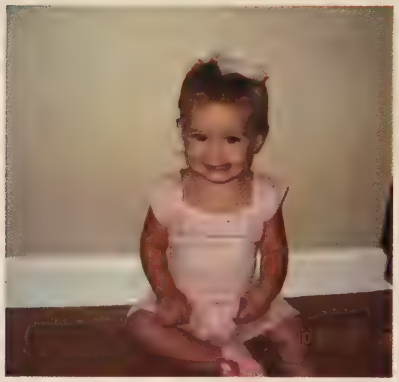
We are so proud of you sunshine. Go conquer your world.

We love you and God Bless you

Mami, Papa & Rae

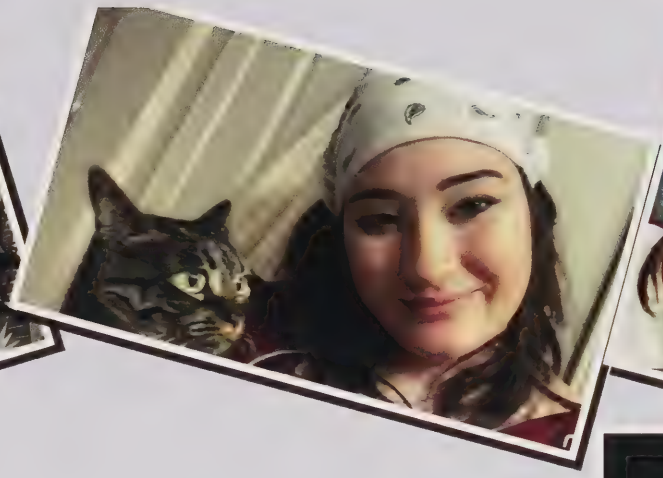
From the first ballet class to senior year 2024~
Valadie, you have always held a passion for dance that comes from deep within the soul. Your discipline and dedication are second to none, but your heart is truly your super hero power. May you always continue to shine that bright light toward others. We are so excited for this next journey.

Love you to the moon and back,
Mommy, Daddy, Leah, Christian and Jovi



Audrey Elizabeth Cannon

Congratulations! We are so very proud of you and can't wait to see what your future holds! Love, Mom, Dad, Julia, and Evan



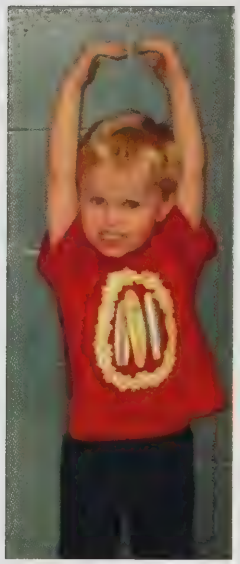
Congratulations Randyl!
You did it!

Randyl Leigh... You have amazed us all with your incredible talent and dedication to creating a life that you can be proud of and enjoy. You are a gift to us all.... Grandma

Randyl, you are a blessing to us. You are a talented and beautiful young lady. So proud of all of your accomplishments. Love you!
Mimi and Papa

Randyl... Where do we begin? You are loved beyond measure. We are so proud of you and your journey. You have overcome obstacles and persevered through so many things. You continue to show the world how amazing you are! We cannot wait to see what this next chapter holds for you.. Always remember that you can do anything you set your mind to. You got this!
Love, Mama, Daddy, Kayli & JD

Harry Cooper



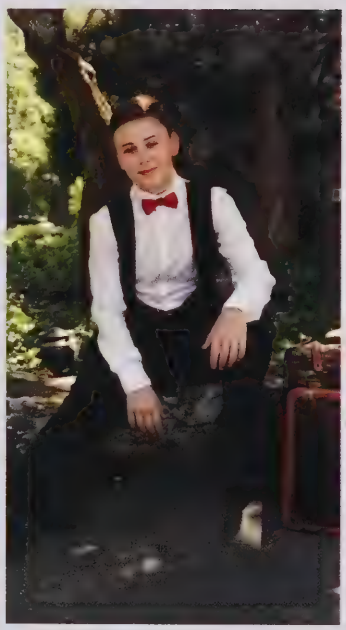
We are so proud of you and can't wait to see what comes next!
Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Will

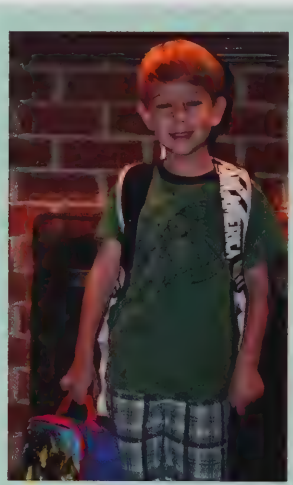
If you are lucky enough to find a way of life you love, you have to find the courage to live it.

—John Irving

~ASHE DENNY~
Class of '24



You've earned your beautiful Wings! Enjoy your Journey~ ALWAYS, Your Mum
With Love from Dad, Holly, Nanna and Poppa



It all started with one Captain America backpack, a Transformers lunchbox, and a fast pair of kicks twelve years ago. How far you've come!

It has been our privilege to see you through many backpacks, lunches, and bigger and bigger decisions and we are so excited to see you graduate to your next big adventure. We know you are ready!

We love you, Jonah. Go do great things!
- Momma, Dad, Miriam, and Sarah

Congratulations Ellie!

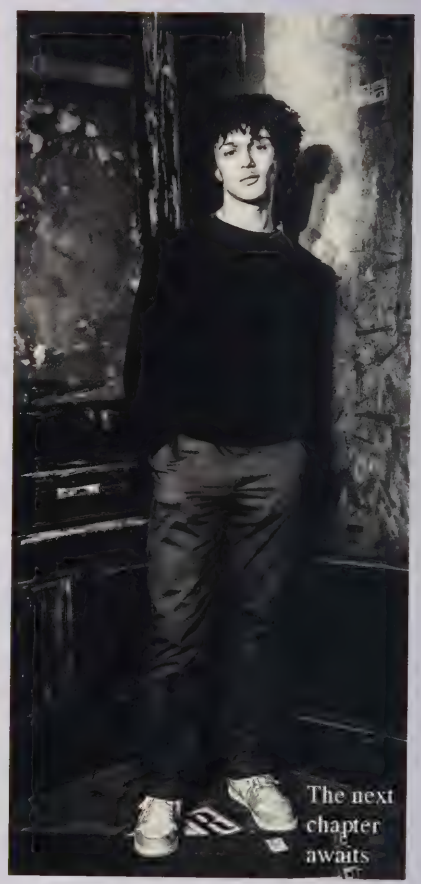
We are so proud of the unique, talented person you are!

We hope your life is filled with the same love and happiness that you have brought into ours.

Can't wait to see what the future holds for you. We love you!

Mom, Dad, West, and Clark

Richmond Henry Parris



We are so very proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad

Artists of the world, may your many different paths all lead to that infinite Ocean of beauty where wonder becomes awe, exhilaration and unspeakable joy.
- Pope St. John Paul II

Congratulations to Samuel and the Class of 2024!

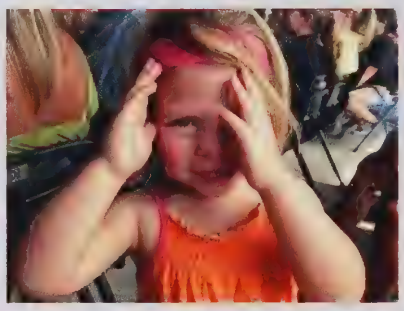
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Stephen

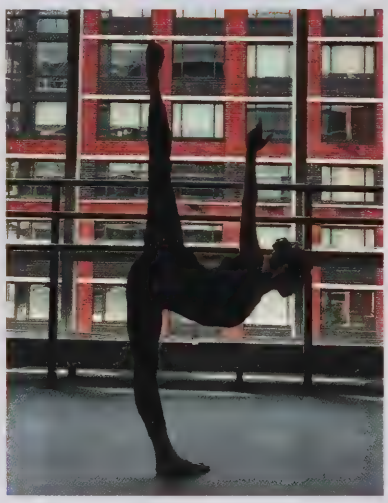
Christina,

We are all SO proud of you!!!
We cant wait to see where life takes you,
and all that you accomplish in the future!

We Love You!!!

From: Demetropoulos,
McComish, & Ritchey family members





Mariella, we're so proud of how far you've come and we're excited to see how far you'll go! Love, Mom and Dad

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We are so proud of you

sami

Our lil' Sam Bujji,

As we mark this special day, let's take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey that has led you to this point. Your dedication, passion for your field, relentless pursuit of your dreams, and commitment to perfecting your craft have been a true inspiration. Take a moment to acknowledge your achievements, embrace the boundless possibilities that lie ahead, and relish every step of your journey.

- Akka, Dad & Mom

talente

"I don't want my children to follow in my footsteps. I want them to take the path next to me and go further than I could have ever dreamt possible."

Claire, we are incredibly proud of you! Watching you grow, learn, & accomplish a lot already truly has been a blessing. We are very excited for you & wish you all the best! Love you always! Mom Dad

If we did the things we were capable of, we would astound ourselves.- T. Edison

Congratulations Ava, we are so proud of you!

Sharing your journey all these years has brought so much joy. Can't wait to see what the future holds for you. We'll always be here to guide, support and love you!

Love always, Mom and Dad

Salvador Dali once said, "A true artist is not one who is inspired, but one who inspires others." You've been inspiring us your whole life, and we can't wait to see what you do next! We love you. Congratulations!

Drake Richard Stewart

Drake you are an amazing musician! We have enjoyed watching you grow with every note played. We can't wait to see the success you accomplish and the dreams you make come true.

Love Mom, Dad & Delilah

Congratulations Davis Lensch Class of 2024! We are so proud of you for this moment and for the millions of small moments that it too took to get here.

Davis,

You live Lana Del Rey's quote, "Be the art that life is breathing. Be the soul the world is living." We are in awe of your Renaissance man talents and ability to live life as art. Always follow your heart and live with gratitude and authenticity.

Love, Mom, Dad, Ashley and Nana

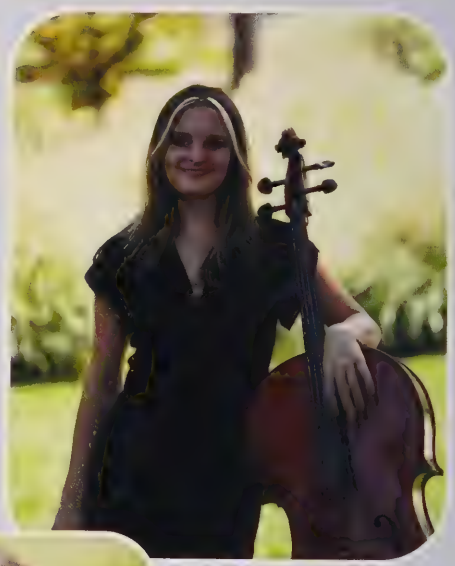
Auguste, the world is your stage, act well upon it.
We love you, all of us.

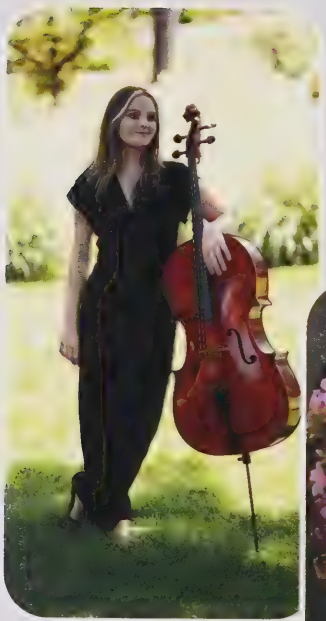
CHLOE ANN SCAROLA

Class of 2024

We are so proud of you, Chloe. You are an amazing daughter, sister and friend. You are going to do amazing things in the next chapter of your life. We are in awe of your accomplishments and can't wait to watch you make your mark on the world.

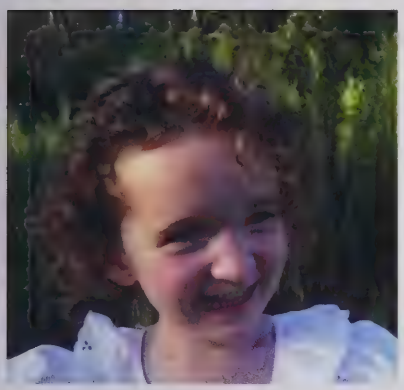
With all our love,
Mom, Dad, Maya and Claire





ISABELLE PARKER

brightening the world with
music and soul!
Keep shining.

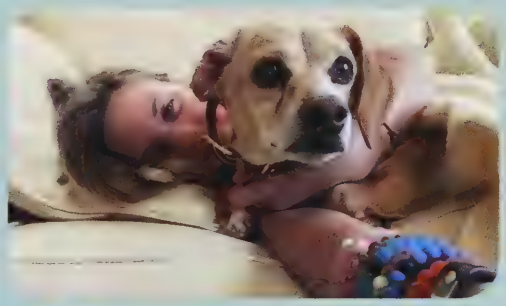


Stella Blue

We've always known you would go places, and now it's time.

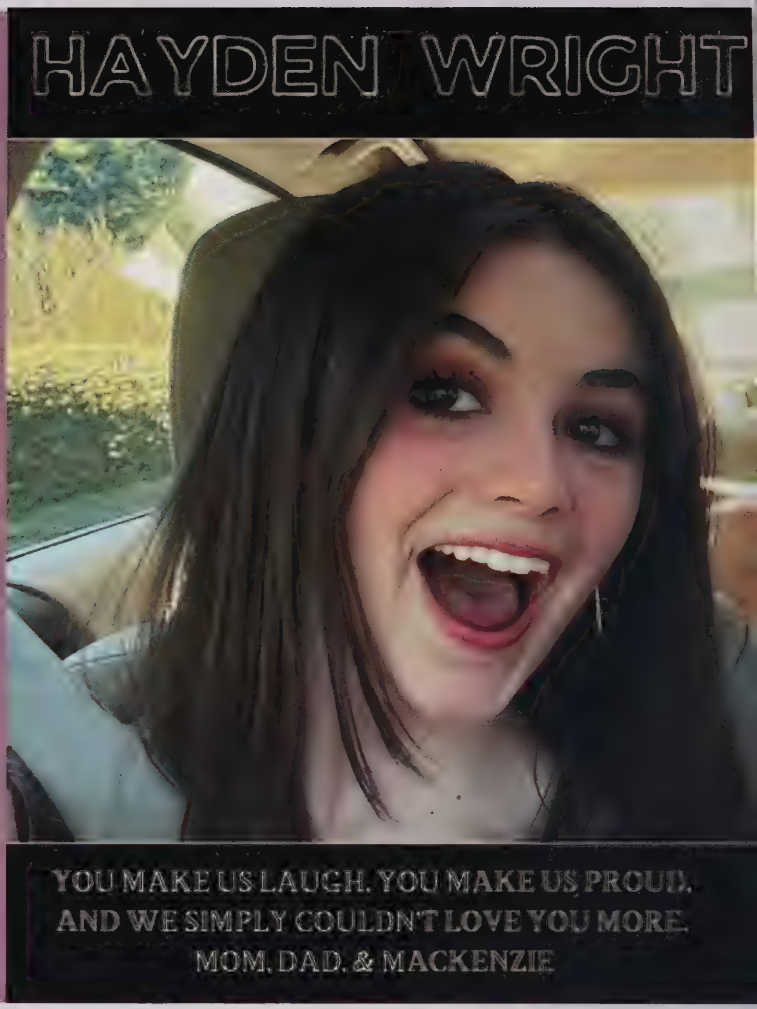
We love you and are so proud!

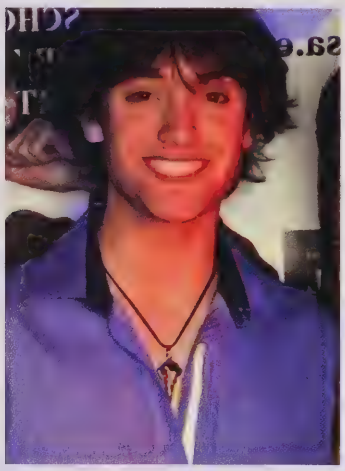
-
Mom, Dad, Beasley, Hiatt, and Sam



Congratulations to my beautiful, brilliant and amazing daughter, Kate Rampel. You worked so so hard and I could not be more proud of you!

I am so excited for you and the next big adventure as a Blue Devil.
Love you so so much!!!!! Love, Mom





To My Pride and Joy, My Son Jared. We are all so proud of you, your achievements in academics, vocally and into the man that you have become. You amaze me more and more with each passing day. Congratulations on Graduation, accomplishments and goals that you have set for yourself and so much more. Your next four years of college will be amazing!!! Know how much that you are loved!! Love you more than life.
Love Grandma and Grandpa, Uncle David and of course me!!

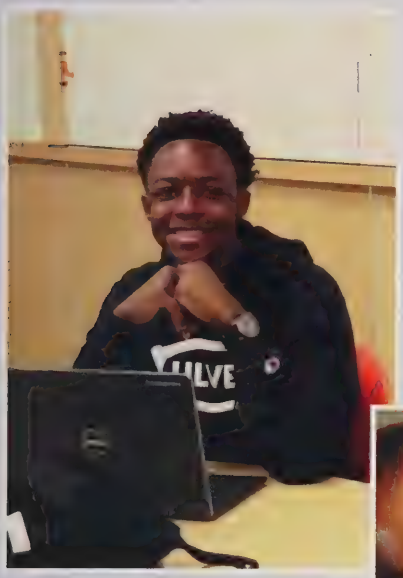
Sophia we are so proud of all you have been through to reach this point and can't wait to see your journey continue. The future is bright and holds so much promise. We love you so much.
Mom, Dad, and Sarah (and Rico and Ray) Photo credits include Chris Stark, Rachel Blake and Grays Arrow on the right

Carlie,
Your education is just a dress rehearsal to a life that is yours to lead. Whenever you perform, we always are your biggest fans and you will always be our shinning star. Love you MOST Mom, Dad & Jacquelyn

Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass. Its about learning to dance in the rain ~ We hope you dance ~

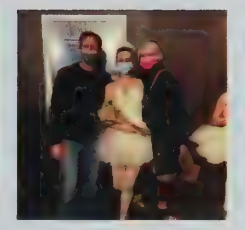
"Keep your face always toward the sunshine and shadows will fall behind you."
~ Walt Whitman
Congratulations, Chloe!
We love you forever

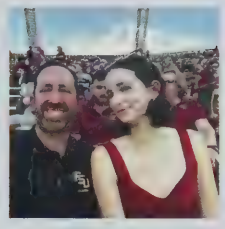
Fongei Gabsia Tohnya



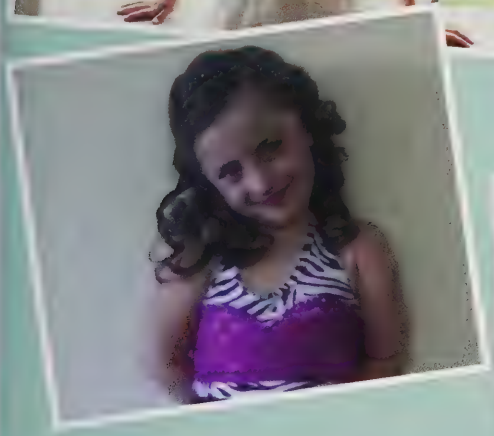
Dream Big and Work Hard to be successful

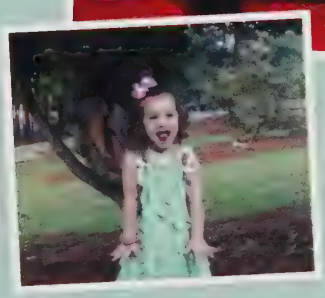
We wish you success and growth as you embark on your new journey. Love Lema, Mom and Dad



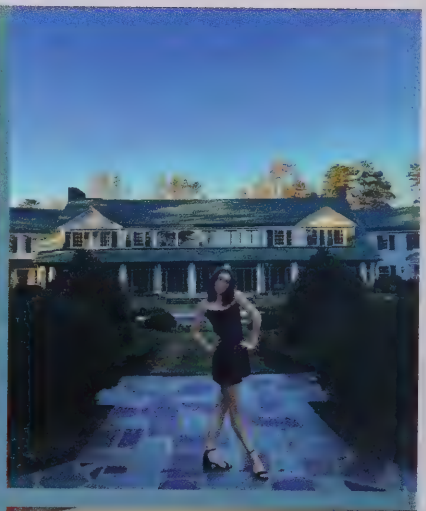


Happy Graduation Olivia! We are so proud of you. Love, Dad, Mom, Evan, and Ainsley

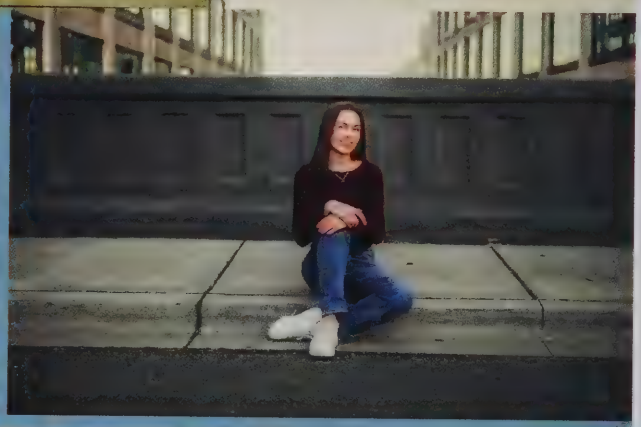




Melayna Enjoy every moment! Love, Mom, Dad & Brodey



Congrats,
Emma Kate.
Love,
Mom



"Go into the world and do well. But more importantly, go into the world and do good."

Minor Myers, Jr.

Tove C. Davies

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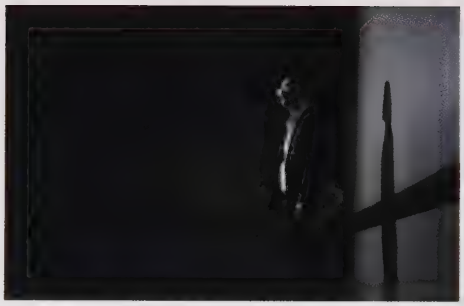
Congratulations Dear Daughter

Life is not measured by the number of breaths
you take but by the moments that
take your breath away

Always remember to dance your heart out!
Love, Mom and Dad

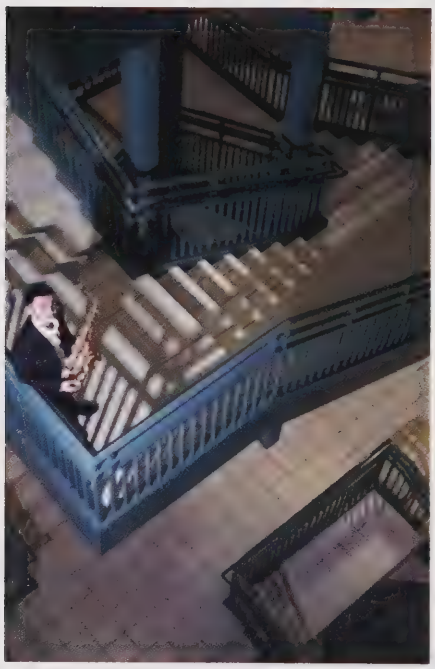


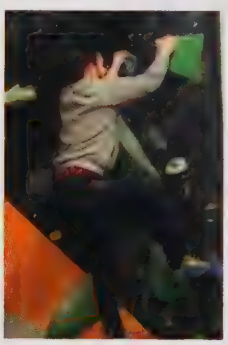
Dear Lucas,

As we journey through the cherished moments of your early years, our hearts swell with love and pride, celebrating the incredible person you've become. Your commitment to learning has been the heartbeat of your story, creating a symphony of growth, resilience, and dedication.
Remembering you as a child, the little one full of wonder, makes this journey even more special. From presentations as a 5 year old at the bookstore, riding hundreds of thrilling roller coasters around the country, traveling to museums to further your understanding of the world around you, to performances and summer studies, your insatiable curiosity led to a joyous and continuous journey of discovery.
As a brother, you've shared laughter, offered assistance in many "DAB" quests, and created lasting memories with those closest to you. Your role as a son has brought so much happiness and endless endearment to our families, as a grandson, you are a blessing beyond words.
As you stand on the precipice of new adventures, we look to the future with hearts full of excitement. The horizon unfolds with opportunities, and we are confident that your passion will guide you towards a future adorned with success and fulfillment.

With boundless love and anticipation for the bright chapters ahead,

Mom, Emmanuel, Jacob, La'Trease, Ariel
Dad, Stephanie, Trey
Pawpaw and Mawmaw
And the rest of your adoring family





JULIAN PECORARO

"Life is available only in the present moment" –Thich Nhat Hanh

Congratulations Class of

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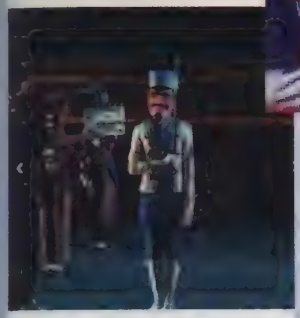
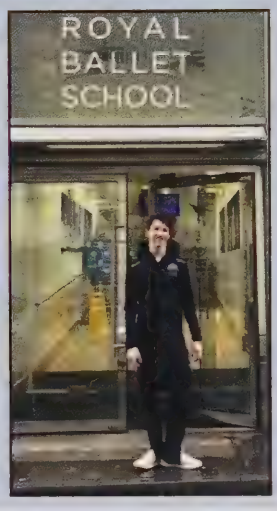
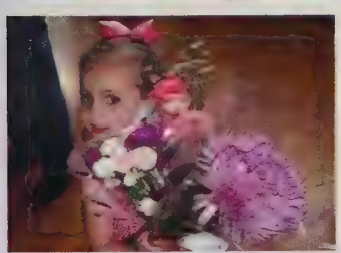




The most important thing is to enjoy your life - to be happy - it's all that matters. Congratulations Reese! We love you! Mom, Dad & Ryan



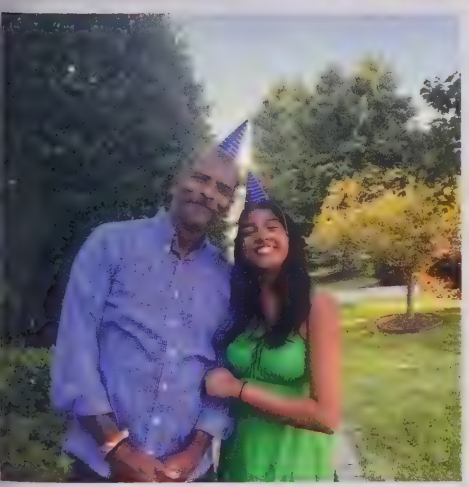
Felicidades Ava Rose! ¿Por qué caminar cuando puedes bailar? We are so extremely proud of your hard work and dedication. Nothing can hold you back now! You did it!

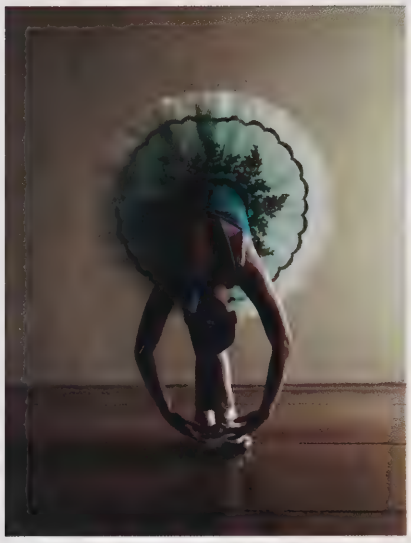
Te Queremos Mucho,
Mami, Papi, and Emma

Dear Tanisi,

We love you so much! We are so proud of your talents and achievements. You continue to amaze us with your academic, artist, and social skills. Work hard, chase your dreams, and remember we are always here for you. You will forever be our Tani Beta, Vector, and Pitbull.

Love you to the moon and back: Mom, Dad, and Priyanka Akka



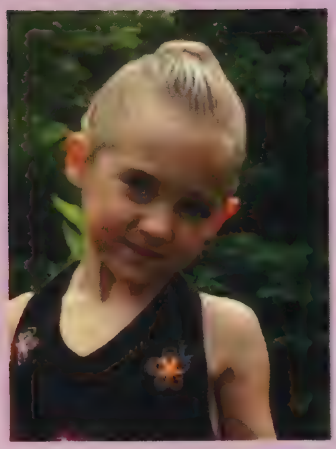


Madigan BIANCO

You the embodiment of what true dedication to one's passion can yield. Your persistent lifelong devotion to dance is an inspiration to all. The discipline you exercise and display is remarkable and shows how realizing latent potential is possible for everyone. We root for your endeavors in the future for you have given us so much in the past and present!

Congratulations, Madi!

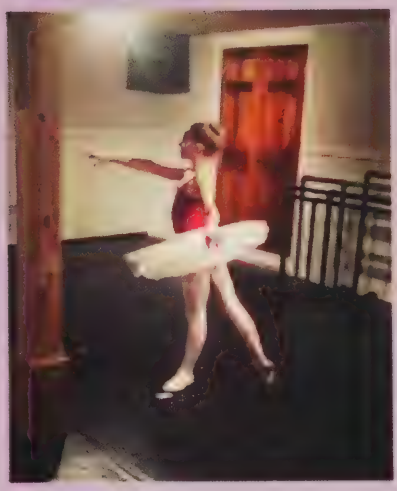
With all of our love, Dad, Mom, Kian, and Briley



Congratulations Nadia! Keep dancing like no one's watching you. We are so proud of you!

Love you,

Mom, Dad, and Alex



Congrats Seniors!

A Year in Review

Movies

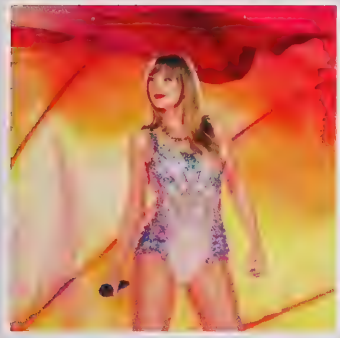
Barbenheimer

The name Barbenheimer comes from the simultaneous release of Barbie and Oppenheimer on July 21, 2023. The juxtaposition of the two movies drew crowds with Barbie being a fantasy comedy about self discovery and the female experience, and Oppenheimer following an American physicist as he works on the Manhattan project, developing the world's first atomic bomb.

Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes

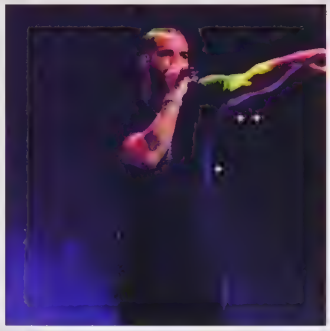
Released in November of 2023, this prequel to the Hunger Games trilogy was a big hit, grossing $338.1 million worldwide. The movie follows Coriolanous Snow, future president of Panem, as he mentors in the 10th annual Hunger Games.

Top Music Artists of the Year



Taylor Swift

Olivia Rodrigo



Drake

Travis Scott

Lana Del Rey

Sports

The 2024 Super Bowl

After a well-matched game , the Kansas City Chiefs beat the San Francisco 49ers 25-22 in overtime, becoming the first team to win back to back Super Bowls since 2004.

MLB World Series

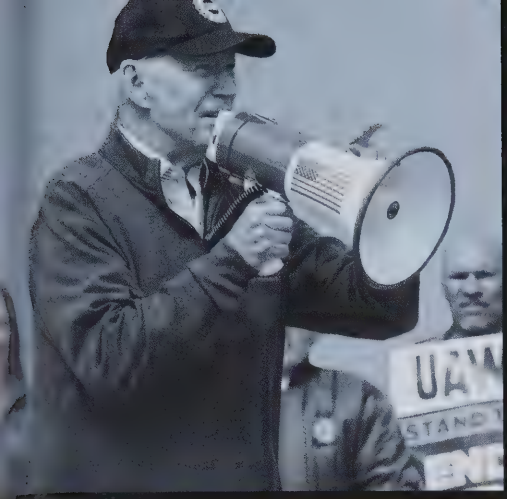
On 11/1, the Texas Rangers beat the Arizona Diamondbacks four games to one to capture their first World Series ever.

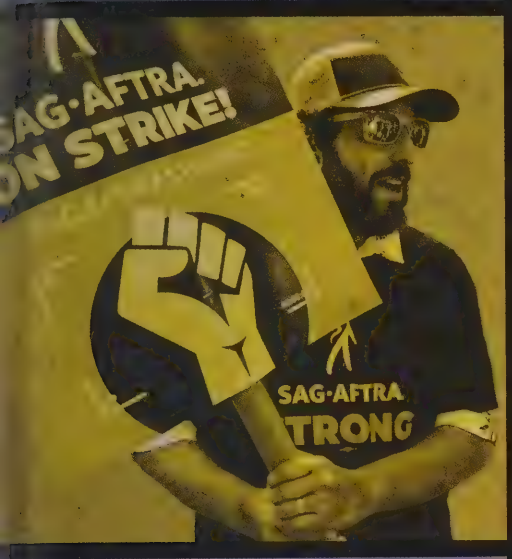
Mila Mazur's (VAI) cut paper assignment.
Instructor: Kaitlin Botts (Professor of Design)

Ashe Denny's (VAI) still life graphite drawing.
Instructor: Will Taylor (Professor of Design)

Marianna Estupinan's (VAII) Collage project.
Instructor: Will Taylor (Professor of Drawing)

Tanisi Venkannagari's (VAII) Exquisite Light Photography project.
Instructor: Kaitlin Botts (Professor of Design)





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Introducing ChatGPT
We've trained a model called ChatGPT which interacts in a conversational way. The dialogue format makes it possible for ChatGPT to answer followup questions, admit its mistakes, challenge incorrect premises, and reject inappropriate requests.
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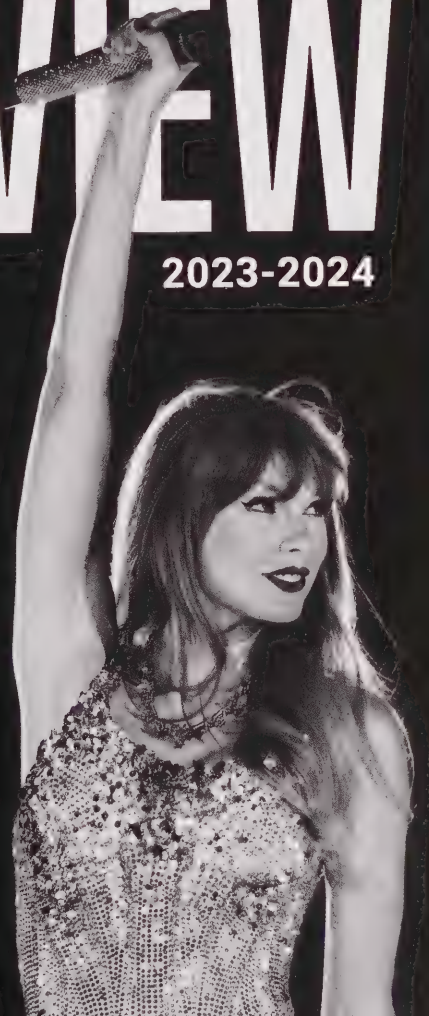

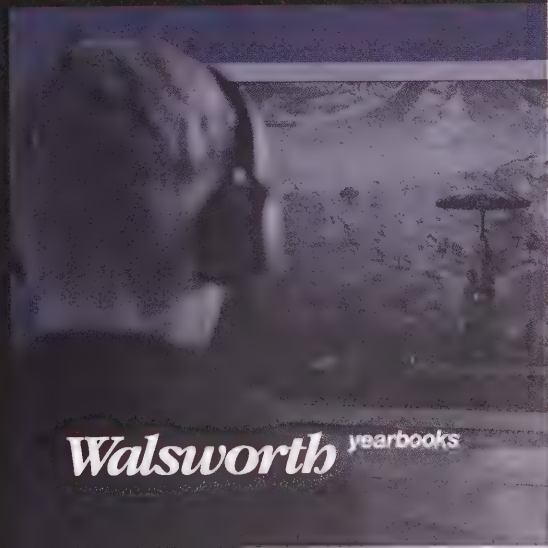

Walsworth yearbooks

beyond wildest dreams

Taylor Swift performs her 44-song setlist to a sold-out crowd during her record-breaking Eras Tour, which became the first concert tour in history to gross over $1 billion. The ongoing tour generated over $6.4 billion in economic impact in the U.S. and Canada, turning Swift into a billionaire herself and paving the way for her to break the record for most No. 1 albums by a woman in history. Along with releasing three new albums, premiering a concert film and becoming the first person to ever win four Album of the Year Grammys, Swift shared the wealth by donating to local food banks at each tour stop and providing bonuses totaling over $55 million to her Eras Tour workers. *Photo credit: Newscom*

SHE'S A MASTERMIND

Taylor Swift announces the *Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour* concert film, with tickets selling for $19.89 in honor of her *1989 (Taylor's Version)* album. The movie notably cut out major distributors as Swift secretly worked with AMC Theatres directly. This meant she negotiated to keep 57% of the movie revenue, money that otherwise would have gone to a distributor, spurring other performers, like Beyoncé, to do the same. *Photo credit: Zach Field*

IT'S A BARBIE WORLD

Actor Margot Robbie stars as Stereotypical Barbie in the Greta Gerwig-directed hit movie *Barbie*. Moviegoers everywhere painted theaters pink as they flocked to see the film, which raked in over $1.4 billion worldwide and marked a historic milestone as the highest-grossing female-directed film of all time. The movie's soundtrack also broke records, with hits like Dua Lipa's "Dance The Night" and Billie Eilish's "What Was I Made For?" gaining viral popularity through streaming and social media platforms.
Photo credit: Newscom

BARBENHEIMER BONANZA

The simultaneous release of Greta Gerwig's *Barbie* and Christopher Nolan's *Oppenheimer* on July 21, dubbed "Barbenheimer" by fans, quickly becomes the cultural phenomenon of the summer. The contrasting worlds of the glittery-pink, feel-good musical comedy and the dark, historical biopic took social media by storm and sparked an unexpected alliance between the two films. Deemed as the "great pop culture unifier of the year," the frenzy offered a box office revival as the fourth-strongest opening weekend ever in cinemas. *Photo credit: Newscom*

100 YEARS OF MAGIC

Disney celebrates its 100th anniversary on Oct. 16. The company, founded in 1923 by Walt Disney, became known for creating classic animated films like *Snow White* and *Cinderella*, as well as contemporary fan favorites, including the *Frozen* franchise. Disney celebrated this anniversary with special events at their theme parks, exclusive merchandise and the release of *Once Upon a Studio*, an original short film that followed Mickey Mouse as he gathered some of Disney's most legendary characters for a group photo.
Photo credit: Newscom

A NEW RENAISSANCE

Thirty-two-time Grammy winner Beyoncé performs to one of five sold-out crowds at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London, England, during her 56-show *Renaissance* World Tour. The global tour stopped at a number of cities scattered across the U.S. and Europe, grossing a whopping $579 million and boosting the American economy by $4.5 billion. Her first solo headline tour in seven years, Beyoncé's *Renaissance* spanned almost three hours in length and saw fans of all ages dressed head to toe in dazzling sci-fi disco-themed outfits fit for a queen. *Photo credit: Newscom*

THAT'S MY QUARTERBACK

American football players Marcus Mariota, Patrick Mahomes and Kirk Cousins attend the Hollywood premiere of Netflix's new television documentary series "Quarterback." The show became a hit as it took viewers behind the scenes of what life was like in the NFL for the three pro quarterbacks, with plans for a second season soon announced. Netflix's "Beckham," another sports documentary series that followed soccer icon David Beckham's meteoric rise and career, hit #1 on Netflix charts while garnering 30 million views and 145 million hours of viewing time in just three weeks. *Photo credit: Newscom*

POPULAR ARTISTS OF THE YEAR

- ARIANA GRANDE
- BAD BUNNY
- ED SHEERAN
- FEID
- HARRY STYLES
- JUNGKOOK
- KAROL G
- LANA DEL REY
- MILEY CYRUS
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- PESO PLUMA
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- TAYLOR SWIFT
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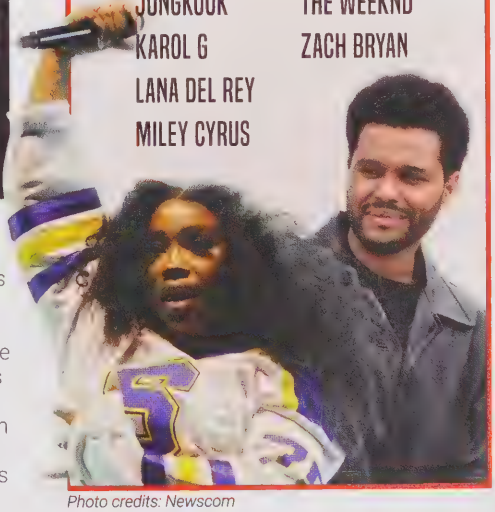

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STRIKING IN SOLIDARITY

Actors Adam Sandler and Ben Stiller walk the picket line of the SAG-AFTRA strike in New York City. The Writers Guild of America (WGA) and the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA) both went on strike in the summer over wages, streaming residuals and job security related to AI. Both groups reached agreements with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP) in the fall and called off the strike. *Photo credit: Newscom*

driving change

President Joe Biden becomes the first sitting president to join a picket line as he speaks to union workers from three major car companies leading a historic strike under Union Auto Workers President Shawn Fain on Sept. 15. The strike began when dissatisfaction with stagnant wages and rising profits led the workforce to unite and cease operations. Striking came to an end on Oct. 30, as Ford, Stellantis and General Motors tentatively agreed to deals in line with UAW demands.

Photo credit: Adam Schultz/The White House

MCCARTHY OUSTED, JOHNSON SWORN IN

Congress successfully elects Rep. Mike Johnson as Speaker of the House following the failed attempts of three other Republican nominees. On Oct. 3, former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy was voted out of his position as a result of a motion filed by Rep. Matt Gaetz, leaving the House unable to conduct business for three weeks. This was the first time in American history a House speaker was removed from office before the end of their term.
Photo credit: Newscom

ENTER THE SPHERE

The Sphere in Las Vegas, Nevada, opens on Sept. 29, boasting an 18,600-seat auditorium with cutting-edge audio and video technologies. The Sphere was designed for award shows, concerts and various entertainment events, including ring sports and esports tournaments. The Sphere's innovative design and state-of-the-art features made it a versatile venue that creates an unparalleled immersive experience for a wide range of audiences. *Photo credit: Harold Litwiler/Flickr*

LET'S TALK TIKTOK

- **GET READY WITH ME**
  #grwm - 183.9 billion views
- **ROMAN EMPIRE**
  #romanempire - 4.1 billion views
- **GIRL DINNER**
  #girldinner - 3.1 billion views
- **BEIGE FLAG**
  #beigeflag - 1.9 billion views
- **CANON EVENT**
  #canonevent - 1.1 billion views

Photo credit: Newscom

UNDER PRESSURE

A recent study reveals that New York City, home to 421 skyscrapers, is sinking under the weight of its own buildings. Researchers from the U.S. Geological Survey and the University of Rhode Island studying sea-level rise in coastal cities found that the collective weight of the city's 1,084,954 buildings – amounting to a staggering 1.68 trillion pounds — was causing NYC to gradually sink by up to 2 millimeters per year. This, compounded with melting ice sheets linked to rising sea levels, posed a heightened flood risk to the Big Apple.
Photo credit: Adam Schultz/The White House

WOMEN OF LEGACY

The nation pays its final respects to former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, retired U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and sitting U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, all of whom died in 2023. Carter was known for her advocacy of mental health during a time when it was not widely discussed, while O'Connor was the first woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. At the age of 90, Feinstein was the oldest sitting senator and longest-serving female senator in U.S. history, but had recently faced calls to step down amid health concerns. *Photo credits: Newscom*

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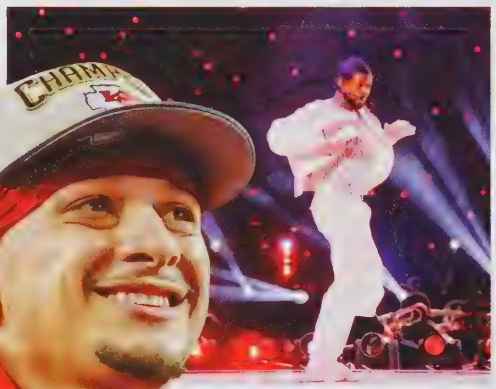
SHO-TIME!

Japanese baseball star Shohei Ohtani laughs after an MLB game between the Los Angeles Angels and the Atlanta Braves on July 31. A free agent once the season was over, Ohtani had plenty of reason to celebrate after he signed a 10-year, $700 million contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers. It was the largest contract in pro sports history for the two-way All-Star player who both hits and pitches. *Photo credit: Newscom*



call it a dynasty

Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes shows off the Lombardi Trophy after leading his team to a 25-22 overtime victory over the San Francisco 49ers in Super Bowl LVIII on Feb. 11 in Las Vegas. After a halftime performance by Usher, the game came to a dramatic end when Mahomes threw a 3-yard touchdown pass to receiver Mecole Hardman to clinch the win. For Mahomes and the Chiefs, it was their second-straight Super Bowl title and third in five years. *Photo credits: Newscom*

A MAGICAL MATCH-UP

Inter Miami CF owners Jorge Mas, Jose Mas and David Beckham introduce Argentine soccer star Lionel Messi as the club's newest signing to a sold-out crowd at DRV PNK Stadium. The eight-time Ballon d'Or winner and FIFA World Cup champion signed a multiyear contract in July that will earn him upwards of $60 million per year from his salary, signing bonus and team equity. The acquisition became the biggest signing in MLS history since Beckham's arrival at LA Galaxy back in 2007. *Photo credit: Newscom*

HAIL TO THE WOLVERINES

Michigan quarterback J.J. McCarthy hands the ball off to running back Donovan Edwards during the first quarter of the College Football National Championship Game on Jan. 8 in Houston. Edwards scored a 41-yard touchdown on the play, which got the Wolverines off and running to a 34-13 victory over the Washington Huskies. Michigan finished the season 15-0 and claimed its first football national title in 27 years.
Photo credit: Newscom

A NEW LEGEND

Nineteen-year-old Coco Gauff kisses her trophy after winning the U.S. Open on Sept. 9. The win made Gauff the first American teenager to secure the Grand Slam title since Serena Williams in 1999. After beating Aryna Sabalenka in the final round, Gauff held career-high rankings of world No. 3 in singles and world No. 1 in doubles by the Women's Tennis Association. *Photo credit: Newscom*

HUSKERS MAKE HISTORY

A Nebraska National Guard KC-135R Stratotanker and a South Dakota National Guard F-16 capture an aerial view of Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Nebraska, on Aug. 30. The flyover celebrated Volleyball Day at the University of Nebraska, a historic event where an attendance of 92,003 fans became the largest crowd in the world to witness a women's sporting event. In addition to breaking the world record, the Nebraska Cornhuskers also reigned victorious in their match against the University of Nebraska at Omaha, winning in a 3-0 sweep. *Photo credit Jeremiah Johnson/The National Guard*

LONE STAR LEGENDS

Players from the Texas Rangers celebrate after defeating the Arizona Diamondbacks 5-0 in Game 5 of the World Series on Nov. 1 to clinch the series win. It was the first world championship in team history for the Rangers, who were founded in 1961. Shortstop Cory Seager won series MVP for the Rangers by slugging three home runs. *Photo credit: Newscom*

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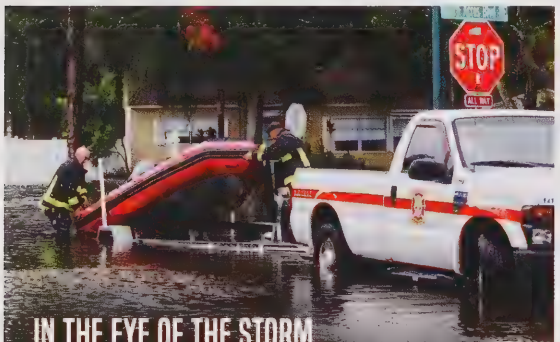
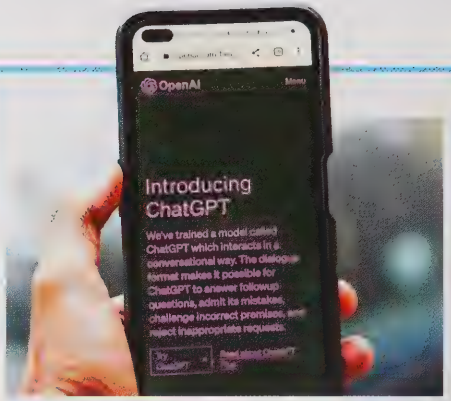
EUROPE'S SCORCHING SUMMER

People cool off in the shade in Geneva, Switzerland, as Europe grapples with unprecedented heat waves and wildfires. The World Meteorological Organization confirmed that the month began with record-breaking temperatures. High-pressure anticyclones named Cerberus and Charon intensified the heat over southern Europe, with temperatures surpassing 45 degrees Celsius in parts of Greece, Spain and Italy. *Photo credit: Newscom*



IN THE EYE OF THE STORM

Residents of St. Petersburg, Florida, assess the devastating impact of Hurricane Idalia, which makes landfall as a Category 3 storm in late August. Winds exceeding 125 miles per hour and 16-foot storm surges caused widespread power outages, intense flooding and structural damage to homes and businesses. Evacuation orders were sent to 23 counties for the worst storm to hit Florida in more than a century. *Photo credit: City of St. Petersburg*

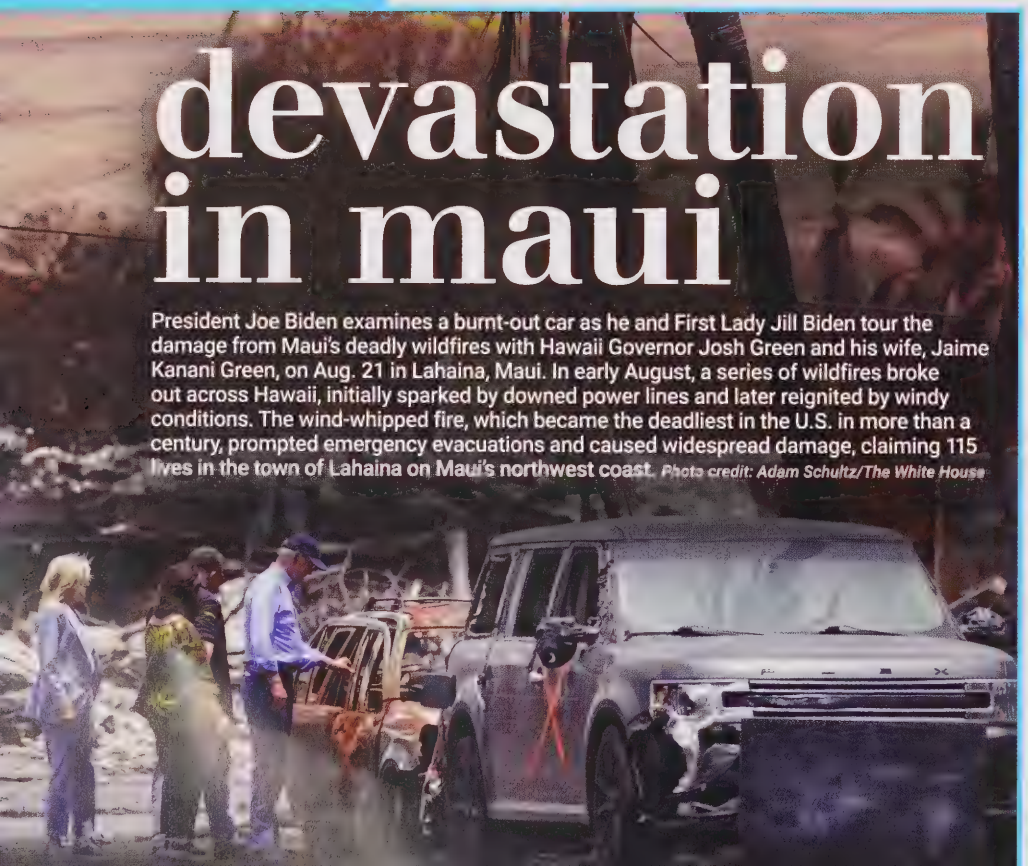


AI ENTERS THE CHAT

ChatGPT, a large language model developed by OpenAI, has seamlessly integrated into both the workforce and classrooms, showcasing its intuitive features and capabilities. This model adeptly mimicked the human language and was trained on a diverse range of online text, enabling it to perform functions such as answering questions, translating languages, generating text, assisting in coding and more. Students and professionals alike rapidly began adopting ChatGPT, while world leaders rushed to address the potential risks of this rapidly evolving technology. *Photo credit: Sanket Mishra/Pexels*

FORTNITE FRENZY

Fortnite releases Chapter 4, Season 5, dubbed "OG" by Epic Games, on Nov. 3 and records 44.7 million players on the following Sunday, more than any other day in the game's history. Released by Epic Games in 2017, the game gained immense popularity due to its free-to-play model, accessibility across various platforms (including PCs, consoles and mobile devices) and its unique building mechanics. This blast from the past ignited a nostalgic spark in its players as they explored the original Chapter 1 map and enjoyed access to retired items from past seasons. *Photo credit: Newscom*



devastation in maui

President Joe Biden examines a burnt-out car as he and First Lady Jill Biden tour the damage from Maui's deadly wildfires with Hawaii Governor Josh Green and his wife, Jaime Kanani Green, on Aug. 21 in Lahaina, Maui. In early August, a series of wildfires broke out across Hawaii, initially sparked by downed power lines and later reignited by windy conditions. The wind-whipped fire, which became the deadliest in the U.S. in more than a century, prompted emergency evacuations and caused widespread damage, claiming 115 lives in the town of Lahaina on Maui's northwest coast. *Photo credit: Adam Schultz/The White House*

HEALTHIER TOMORROW

California bans the use of four food additives, including red dye No. 3, which is used in certain medications and thousands of candies, like Skittles. Previous studies linked red dye No. 3 to hyperactivity, behavioral issues and cancer. Lawmakers scheduled the California Food Safety Act, referred to by some as the "Skittles ban," to go into effect by 2027. *Photo credit: Newscom*

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